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From: Commanding Officer, USS MONTPELIER (SSN 765)
To: Director of Naval History (N09BH), Naval Historical Center, Washington Navy Yard, 901 M Street SE, Buildign 57, Washington, DC 20374-5060

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750

Encl: (1) USS MONTPELIER (SSN 765) Welcome Aboard Brochure

1. Per reference (a), the command history of USS MONTPELIER (SSN 765) for the period 1 January-31 December 1996 is submitted.

2. Command Composition and Organization.

a. Ship's Mission/Goal Statement.

"Our success is measured by how well the following goals are achieved: (1) readiness for combat, (2) mission accomplishment, (3) professional development and personal growth for all hands, and (4) an enjoyable command climate. Each member of this command plays an essential part in achieving that success. We rely on each other to do our jobs properly so that we may safely accomplish the ship's mission. Our goal is to do the job right and to enjoy doing it."

b. Organizational Structure.

(1) ISIC:	CAPT Peter S. Flannery Submarine Squadron SIX 1 January-26 April 1996 CAPT Richard P. Terpstra Submarine Squadron SIX 26 April-31 December 1996
(2) Commanding Officer	CDR Roger W. Seedorf 1 January-29 July 1996 CDR David E. Eyler 29 July-31 December 1996
(3) Executive Officer	LCDR Joseph E. Tofalo
(4) Engineering Officer	LCDR Robert D. Mayfield 1 January-18 November 1996 LT Chrisopher J. Koczur 18 November-31 December 1996
(5) Navigation/Operations Officer	LT John Zavadil
(6) Combat Systems Officer	LT Scott F. Adams
(7) Supply Officer	LT James R. Glenn 1 January-26 June 1996 LT Eric S. Stump 26 June-31 December 1996

(8) Division Officers	LT Oliver T. Lewis 1 January-11 February 1996 LT G. Christopher Saltz 1 January-9 September LT Christopher W. Slawson LT Dana A. Nelson 1 January-25 November 1996 LT David A. Hodgson LT Robert J. Dunn LT(jg) Daniel P. O'Neal LT(jg) Scott A. Ellsworth LT(jg) Robert E. Wittmaack 8 March-31 December 1996 ENS James E. Scott 9 October-31 December 1996

c. The Commanding Officer's biography is contained in enclosure (1).

d. USS MONTPELIER was homeported in Norfolk, VA for this reporting period.

3. Chronology.

DATE	EVENT
1 Jan-8 Jan	Upkeep Norfolk, VA
9 Jan-18 Jan	In port Norfolk, VA
19 Jan-20 Jan	Underway VCOA-Sea Trials
21 Jan-6 Feb	Inport Norfolk, VA
7 Feb-9 Feb	Transit to Port Canaveral, Tiger Cruise
10 Feb-11 Feb	Port Canaveral, FL Port Visit
12 Feb	ADM Demars & Dr. S. A. Jackson, Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Visit
14 Feb-22 Feb	Underway JAXOA, Support of USS TENNESSEE & USS MAINE
23 Feb-29 Feb	AUTEC-CNO Project, Tactical Readiness Evaluation support
1 Mar-7 Mar	VCOA, Transit to Norfolk, VA
8 Mar	Inport Norfolk, VA
9 Mar-15 Mar	Drydock Norfolk, VA
16 Mar-12 May	Inport Norfolk, VA
13 May-17 May	Underway VCOAs
18 May-27 May	Inport Norfolk, VA
28 May-5 Jun	Underway VCOAs
6 Jun-7 Jun	Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination
8 Jun-10 Jul	Inport Norfolk, VA
11 Jul-14 Jul	Underway in VCOA's for Hurricane Bertha
15 Jul-30 Jul	Inport Norfolk, VA
29 Jul	CDR D. E. Eyler relieves CDR R. W. Seedorf as CO
31 Jul-5 Aug	Transit to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
6 Aug-8 Aug	USWPT Exercise
16 Aug	Operations with USS ALBANY
17 Aug	HARPOON Exercise Shot
19 Aug-21 Aug	Mine Readiness Certification Inspection and Tactical Readiness Evaluation

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22 Aug-24 Aug	Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico Port Visit
25 Aug-9 Sep	COMPTUEX with USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group
31 Aug	USS HAYLER (DDG 997) Crossdeck
10 Sep-6 Oct	Upkeep Norfolk, VA
7 Oct-25 Oct	JTFEX with USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group
26 Oct-5 Nov	Drydock Norfolk Naval Shipyard
19 Nov-20 Nov	Sea Trials
25 Nov-10 Dec	Underway (Transit to the Mediterranean)
9 Dec	INCHOP to SUBGRU EIGHT
9 Dec-14 Dec	Lisbon, Portugal Port Visit
16 Dec-19 Dec	La Maddalena, Italy Port Visit
23 Dec-30 Dec	Gibraltar Port Visit
31 Dec	Operations in the Western Mediterranean

4. Narrative:

a. The beginning of 1996 found USS MONTPELIER in the ship's homeport of Norfolk, Virginia after her busy maiden deployment to the Mediterranean Sea in 1995. An ambitious schedule of upkeeps, evaluations, workups, and certifications were in store for the ship in preparation for MONTPELIER's return to the Mediterranean in 1996. With this year of preparations came improvement in the ship's material condition, tactical proficiency, and operational readiness. Material improvements included installation of a new Local Area Computer network, and an enhanced electronic surveillance suite. MONTPELIER was preparing to once again deploy as part of the THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group, which conducted two major deployment exercises in the fall (COMPTUEX and JTFEX).

b. All departments met the year's challenges with exceptional results. MONTPELIER's Combat Systems Department successfully completed initial certification of the ship's mine warfare capabilities and the ship's first launch of an exercise HARPOON missile. The Supply Department earned an EXCELLENT evaluation during an intensive Logistics Readiness Evaluation, and MONTPELIER continued to receive recognition from the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group for extraordinary performance in Strike Warfare and Battle Group communications. In addition, the ship was presented the 1995 Golden Anchor award in January for the previous year's exceptional efforts in career development, and MONTPELIER's Deck Division was awarded the Submarine Squadron SIX Deck 'D' for excellence in deck seamanship.

c. 1996 closed with MONTPELIER on deployment including opportunities to make port calls in Lisbon, Portugal; La Maddalena, Italy; and a Christmas stop in Gibraltar.

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