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COMMAND HISTORY FOR USS PROVIDENCE (SSN 719)
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1985

USS PROVIDENCE (SSN 719) was commissioned on 27 July 1985. Former Attorney General of the United States William French Smith was the principal speaker. Mrs. Jean W. Smith was the ship's sponsor. Vice Admiral N. R. Thunman, United States Navy, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Submarine Warfare was the commissioning officer. Governor DiPrete of Rhode Island and United States Senators Pell and Chafee of the State of Rhode Island and Mayor Paolino of the city of Providence also attended. Captain Emil D. Morrow, United States Navy assumed command of USS PROVIDENCE (SSN 719).

USS PROVIDENCE underwent a Harpoon certification from 29 July to 1 August 1985 conducted by Commander Submarine Group TWO Tactical Weapon Training and Certification Team. This certification tested the ship's ability to handle and employ the Harpoon missile. The results were satisfactory.

From 12 to 16 August 1985 USS PROVIDENCE completed Phase I of the MK-48 torpedo certification. This examination determined the ship's capability to properly employ the MK-48 torpedo. Phase I emphasized training and was performed by Commander Submarine Group TWO Tactical Weapon and Certification Team. The results were satisfactory.

USS PROVIDENCE underwent Weapons Systems Accuracy Trials from 18 to 24 August 1985 conducted by the Naval Undersea Systems Center. The purpose of the trials was to ensure the correct operation and determine the accuracy of the entire weapons system. The results were satisfactory.

On 11 October 1985, Captain Emil D. Morrow, United States Navy was relieved as Commanding Officer by Commander Terrence N. Tehan, United States Navy.

From 29 to 31 October 1985 USS PROVIDENCE completed Phase II of the MK-48 torpedo certification with an underway tactical demonstration. The examination was conducted by Commander Submarine Group SIX. The results were satisfactory.

USS PROVIDENCE conducted its acoustic trials under the cognizance of the David W. Taylor Naval Ship Research and Development Center from 1 to 10 November 1985. The purpose of the trials was to accumulate data, analyze and evaluate ship's radiated noise under various operating conditions.

From 2 to 7 December 1985 USS PROVIDENCE completed Phase III sonar certification. This examination determined the ship's capability to properly operate and employ the sonar suite and was performed by Commander Submarine Group TWO.

USS PROVIDENCE underwent an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination from 11 to 12 December 1985 conducted by the Commander, U. S. Atlantic Fleet Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board. The purpose of the examination was to ensure the safe operation and maintenance of the reactor plant. The results were satisfactory.

Enclosure (1)