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Encl: (1) Ship's Historical Narrative for 1983

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for USS DOLPHIN (AGSS-555) in accordance with reference (a) for calendar year 1983.

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USS DOLPHIN (AGSS 555)

Ship's Historical Narrative (1983)

January

Conducted two weeks of local operations including an operational evaluation of the NOVA plotting system.

A change of command was held on 15 January where Commander Gerald P. HUDSON, USN relieved Commander Wayne A. CLARKE, USN as Commanding Officer.

February

Provided services to the Naval Ocean Systems Center (NOSC) for the testing of a deep towed array; following these services, the ship entered a temporary availability (TAV).

March

Continued with the availability.

April

Fast cruise and sea trials were conducted following completion of the TAV, immediately followed in quick succession by a number of successful operations including:

1 week of coordinated anti-submarine training (CAST) exercises for Naval surface units and aircraft.

An at sea demonstration of a new towing system for DOLPHIN developed by DOLPHIN; the successful demonstration of this towing system was a vital step in the preparations for an upcoming deployment.

Services to COMSUBPAC for the USS POINT LOMA (AGDSS-2) demonstrating her capability to perform as the Pacific Launch Area Support Ship.

May

Remained in port while undergoing a Supply Management Inspection and preparing for the forthcoming deployment in July.

June

The first two weeks were spent conducting a week of CAST services followed by a week of San Clemente Range services where DOLPHIN was utilized to verify the ability of the range to track submarines and the accuracy of the the range's tracking system. The last part of the month, a Training Readiness Evaluation was conducted in preparation for deployment.

July

DOLPHIN got underway 9 July enroute for PORT ANGELES, WA on her first out-of-area deployment in over 12 years. The transit was conducted utilizing the USS POINT LOMA as a tow ship. After arrival in PORT ANGELES, the ship conducted OUTPOST ENCORE with the USCGC VENTUROUS exercise and commenced evaluation of a "Reverse Osmosis Desalinization Plant".

August

Continued with OUTPOST ENCORE operations followed by a port visit to ESQUIMALT BC.

September

Following port visit in ESQUIMALT, the ship transited to the Trident Repair Facility in BANGOR, WA for a temporary availability. The latter part of the month was spent conducting SRS-83 exercises, a remote sensors operation.

October

On 1 October the ship commenced the transit to SAN DIEGO under tow by the USNS SIOUX arriving on 7 October. A leave and upkeep was scheduled after the completion of the successful deployment.

During this month DOLPHIN was announced as the winner of the annual Battle Efficiency "E" competition for diesel submarines for the Submarine Force, Pacific Fleet, and thus, all crewmembers became eligible to wear the Battle Efficiency "E" ribbon. Other TYCOM awards received included the Communications "C" and the Deck Seamanship Awards.

November

Engine and other ship maintenance following the deployment occupied much of the month. A brief at sea period was conducted for the purpose of providing services to the Deep Submergence Support ship, ENERGY SERVICE ONE, to evaluate the acoustic navigation system.

December

The ship completed preparations for entering a Restricted Availability (RAV) with Mare Island Naval Shipyard and USS MCKEE, and a forthcoming drydocking in the SAN ONEFRE.