



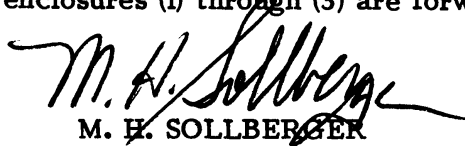
**USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39)
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Encl: (1) Command History of USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39) by department
(2) Biography: Commanding Officer, Captain Melvin H. SOLLBERGER
(3) Picture of Commanding Officer

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are forwarded.


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COMSUBRON EIGHT

1. USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39) was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" Award for a second consecutive year for the period 1 October 1981 to 30 September 1982. In addition, a second consecutive Repair Efficiency "R" was received for the same period. These two awards are unprecedented for an auxiliary ship.
2. USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39) now has seven female officers assigned and 165 female enlisted, including three Chief Petty Officers.
3. PATCHES, LAND's Drug Detection Dog continues to prove his value to this command and to other commands which request his services. PATCHES and his trainer/handler attended a six week course of instruction for full certification as a Working Dog Team. This training has improved the value of the Drug Detector DOG program onboard with better results due to the skills developed since initial training in 1980.
4. USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39) was unable to achieve very much at-sea training time due to an increased load of submarine refit and upkeep support requirements and lack of fuel for training purposes. However, each underway period was utilized to the maximum extent for training in all areas. Specific accomplishments are listed in departmental summaries.
5. USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39) was named to the Type Commander's Retention Honor Roll each month of 1982 and in fact exceeded the Type and Fleet averages for all categories.

a. ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT:

1) The Administration Department completed a series of space relocations of Personnel, Educational Services, Legal, Career Counselor, Human Resources Management, and the new combined DAPA and CAAC or SAC in order to centralize all these offices in one location for convenience of the crew. The efforts of the Command's Career Counselor were major factors in LAND being named to the COMSUBLANT Retention Honor Roll each month of 1982. Educational Services continues to provide outstanding opportunities for advanced education onboard. In 1982, over 20 PACE courses were conducted onboard LAND. Additionally, Functional Skills Programs were utilized to the maximum for onboard personnel which has increased advancement in rate percentages and the individual's value to the command. Late in 1982, LAND received a qualified Counseling and Assistance Center Director and an onboard CAAC was established. This CAAC in conjunction with the HRM and CODA and SAC Programs has already proven its value.

b. OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT:

The Operations Department supported a total of 18 days underway for independent steaming exercises, two days underway for INSURV inspection and two berth shifts. In December 1982, the EMORY S. LAND participated in tactical voice net procedures, tactical maneuvering and underway replenishment exercises with USS EL PASO (LKA 117). These exercises greatly benefitted all watchstanders and provided invaluable training in areas frequently overlooked or untried by submarine tenders.

The department continued to provide full communications support to Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHT and assigned units including the processing of over 7000 incoming and 1500 outgoing messages per month and the repair and maintenance of squadron submarine communications equipments. A communications improvement memorandum rate of less than 5% was consistently maintained and all departmental inspections, CMS/SAS/White Pinnacle and the first CRE conducted on a submarine tender were passed with grades of satisfactory and excellent respectively

2) Chaplains Office: During 1982, the two full-time chaplains assigned to EMORY S. LAND handled more than 600 specific counseling cases, including emergency leave/death notifications, marital crisis, drug and alcohol problems, sexual adjustment and various other personal problems. Active training on the part of the Chaplains included video (SITE TV) Bible studies, seminars in stress management and a course for officers in personal motivation.

3) Personnel Office: Since the beginning of 1982, the Personnel Office experienced a 94% turnover of personnel, a new Personnel Officer, a Personnel Chief, LPO and 13 new PNs. The office was organized into sections to accommodate the customer and provide a more efficient service. Hours were expanded and the office commenced renovation. Desks were rearranged to face the customer and for centralized service the office expanded into the old "I" Division Classroom.

4) Legal: 1982 saw change and improvement in the "World of Legal" onboard USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39). In January the initial filling of the Judge Advocate General's Corps (Lawyer) billet was accomplished. In April the Legal Office was moved to its present location on the 01 Level to permit improved service and to accommodate the extensive law library. In July the initial filling of the Legalman billet was accomplished, thereby completing the allotted personnel requirements to upgrade the LAND Legal Office to present configuration. The law library was unpacked and shelved for operation in December.

The types of duties handled by th Legal Office personnel are diverse and include courts-martials; administrative discharge processing; nonjudicial punishment appeals; JAG Manual and line of duty/misconduct investigations; claims; and legal assistance among others.

5) Post Office: During 1982 the USS EMORY S. LAND Post Office handled 315,000 pounds of incoming and outgoing mail for the ship and 12 submarines served. Average number of personnel served was 3,546. 1832 money orders were sold for a cash value of \$738,799. 496 money orders were cashed for \$41,759. Total stamps sales were \$19,422. This office mailed 1,582 pieces of outgoing accountable mail with only two postal claims (1 for loss and 1 for damage) filed.

Window service hours were extended and two dispatches of outgoing mail are made daily. All nondesignated seaman assigned to the Post Office through the Command Striker Board were advanced to PC3. Five seaman from different surface ships received training on board the LAND in order to assume duties as Postal Clerk for their commands.

6) Navy Relief: USS EMORY S. LAND is one of 24 ships which have an operational shipboard Navy Relief Office. During 1982, the office consisted of one overall coordinator and two interviewers. There were a total of 80 cases handled onboard by the office during the year, with a total amount of \$18,961.12 rendered in assistance. Of this amount, \$18,759.87 was in loans and \$201.25 was in grants. The shipboard branch office has proven to be a most valuable asset to the LAND in that it is convenient to crew members and they are able to talk to an interviewer which they are familiar with. It also has alleviated some of the case load from the shore Navy Relief Office.

c. WEAPONS REPAIR DEPARTMENT:

Throughout 1982 the Weapons Repair Department remained active in the submarine support mission through the following accomplishments:

- (1) Handled 685 MK48 Torpedoes, 72 Harpoon Missiles, 20 SUBRON Missiles and numerous exercise units.
- (2) Successfully completed a Tactical Weapons Capability Review (TWCR), Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI) and an Inservice Inspection.
- (3) EMORY S. LAND became the first East Coast tender to complete certification to handle and maintain the Tomahawk Cruise Missile.
- (4) Completed several Torpedo Tube and Weapons System Inspections on tended units.
- (5) Issued over 56,000 rounds of small arms ammunition and over 3000 pyrotechnics.
- (6) Conducted 6,855 Quality Assurance Inspections with 749 rejections.

d. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

The Engineers continue to provide the needed units with all the services requested. This includes electricity, fuel, oil, steam, telephones, various gases and sewage disposal. The Engineers are proud to say that they have been able to provide requested services, even on a very short notice.

Throughout the year, major inspections were prepared for in the Engineering Department. The first was the annual Boiler Inspection. Materially and administratively, the fireroom is in excellent condition. On the Planned Maintenance System (PMS) Inspection, the Engineers did well and received an overall grade of very good. Preparations for the INSURV Inspection were thorough, comprehensive and exhausting. The time spent in preparations paid off with the receipt of a satisfactory grade fit to steam to designed capabilities.

During the month of August, the Interior Communications Men began the installation of a new telephone system, the Western Electric Dimension 2000. This involves completely rewiring the entire ship for the phones, a massive job that will take almost a year to complete.

e. DECK DEPARTMENT;

The year 1982 was spent almost entirely pierside and Deck Department had little chance to exercise its capabilities at sea, but when the opportunity arose, the tasks were executed in the usual outstanding manner. A highly successful highline evolution was conducted with the USS EL PASO, both sending and receiving manila highlines and receiving much needed training for Deck Department personnel. The anchors were exercised a total of seven times during the year with the high point being a two point moor off Cape Canaveral during an underway for training. The motor whale boats were utilized on numerous occasions during man overboard drills. During the bulk of the year Deck Department was kept busy cleaning, painting and supporting a very heavy tender workload. A total of 249 submarine arrivals and departures were conducted and 30 boat runs were made in support of STASS hookups and removals, with numerous other boat runs made in support of tended units, Norfolk deperming crib, pyro, personnel transfers, etc. 358 lifts were made with the 30 ton B & R crane and in excess of 3,000 lifts were made with the traveling cranes in support of all departments.

f. SUPPLY DEPARTMENT:

In addition to routine material support to both the ship and tended units, several innovative and lasting accomplishments were completed by the Supply Department. Chief among these was the implementing of a quick-pick system at NSC Norfolk to speed receipt of DTO and stock material requirements. Outstanding results in the 3M and PARE Inspections and competition in the annual NEY Award. Ground was broken for the new SEOC Building to be completed in July 1983. The Inforex System was installed and made operational by the Supply Department. Ships store recorded record sale levels, generating large profits for the Welfare and Recreation Program. The Supply Department undertook the large task of reorganizing office spaces for better efficiency and to accommodate the ever expanding workload of services. Specifically, stock control moved down to shore space on the 4th deck with SUBSAT. ADP, to allow for the new computer, took over the former stock control space. Disbursing expanded into space formerly held by Deck. This allowed for better office desk layout thus giving quicker and more personalized Disbursing service. The Supply Department experienced a sizable increase in demand for all services provided during the past year.

g. REPAIR DEPARTMENT:

The Repair Department spent 1982 tending units from both Submarine Squadrons SIX and EIGHT. By midyear Squadron EIGHT strength reached 9 SSNs active and 9 submarines in the shipyard, so routine upkeeps of Squadron SIX units ceased.

During this period the ship successfully completed a Radiological Controls Practices Evaluation, a Quality Assurance Inspection and a Proficiency and Readiness Evaluation. The department won the Battle Efficiency Repair Red "R" for SUBLANT for a second consecutive year.

The Repair Department built three large shore power booms for Pier 23 and refurbished the CSS-8 barge YR-65.

h. DENTAL DEPARTMENT:

The Dental Department was staffed during 1982 by 3 Dental Officers and 8 technicians. Services provided were Operative Dentistry, Endodontics, Preventive Dentistry, Oral Surgery and Prosthetics. The Dental Department had a change over of 2 Dental Officers and 4 Dental Technicians. This department reenlisted 4 of 4 eligible individuals.

The Dental Department provides treatment normally to USS EMORY S. LAND and Submarine Squadron EIGHT personnel. Sumarine Squadron SIX personnel were also treated when the USS L. Y. SPEAR was not inport.

The dental class 3 status during the year was decreased to 1.6% from 20%.

Several inspections of the department were conducted in the following areas: 3M, Supply, and INSURV. A well done was given to the 3M, Supply and INSURV Inspections for having no discrepancies and being better administered than any other department on the ship.

It has been a very rewarding year for this department and the personnel assigned.

i. MEDICAL DEPARTMENT:

The period of 1982 reveals a number of significant changes directed at the improvement of EMORY S. LAND's Medical Department. Medical obtained its computer (TRS-80 Model II) and printer and commenced computerizing a number of health programs to provide an ongoing continuity of medical statistics and health care: occupational health/preventive medicine programs, drug abuse urinalysis program, radiation health program and inventory and distribution of medical supplies; all inspections (MRI, RCPE, NTPI) were passed with flying colors and while underway in December 1982, successfully Med Evac'd its first patient since EMORY S. LAND's deployment to the Indian Ocean 1980-1981. There was a marked decrease in reportable communicable diseases despite an increase in patient sick-call visits. A new X-Ray film system was integrated into the administration area and has proven to be uniquely successful. All health records were converted to the new BUMED System, Medical PMS was upgraded, and inspections revealed a flawless program of accountability. Additionally, a new Medical Officer and a new Division Officer/Radiation Health Officer reported on board for duty. LT [REDACTED] is the Medical Officer and ENS [REDACTED] is the Division Officer/Radiation Health Officer. EMORY S. LAND's Medical Department also recognized a "first" in promotion of women. HM1 [REDACTED] was the first woman onboard EMORY S. LAND to be advanced to CPO.