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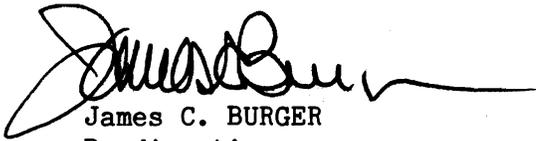
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Encl: (1) USS FRANK CABLE (AS-40) Command History for 1981

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted for calendar year 1981.


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By direction

COMMAND HISTORY

SHIP: USS FRANK CABLE (AS-40)

HOMEPORT: Charleston, South Carolina

COMMANDING OFFICER: Captain Gerald E. GREEN, USN, [REDACTED] served as Commanding Officer from 1 January 1981 to 24 June 1981. Captain David K. BISHOP, USN, [REDACTED] relieved Captain Green and assumed duties as Commanding Officer on 25 June 1981. Captain Bishop served as Commanding Officer through 31 December 1981.

HISTORY: The USS FRANK CABLE (AS-40) is the second of three 644-foot submarine tenders built for the Navy by Lockheed Shipbuilding and Construction Company in Seattle, Washington. USS FRANK CABLE was launched 14 January 1978 and placed in commission in Seattle, Washington 20 October 1979. Subsequent to commissioning, USS FRANK CABLE (AS-40) transited to Charleston, South Carolina via the Panama Canal.

MISSION: To provide a mobile support base for nuclear-powered SSN-688 LOS ANGELES class high-speed attack submarines. To provide maintenance, supplies, and other services to these submarines. To serve submarines and their crews with repairs, spare parts, provisions and medical, dental, mail, and legal services. To provide living quarters for the more than 1000 men and women manning the shops and operating the ship. To provide the submarines moored alongside compressed gases, steam, diesel fuel, water, electricity, and various other services as required.

JANUARY

Two contractor personnel under ISSOT contract took over receiving function/DLR processing in building X-10, located at Naval Station Charleston, South Carolina and assigned to USS FRANK CABLE.

FEBRUARY

Rubber and plastic shop and R-3 division leading chief petty officer erected a mast refurbishment facility on pier Mike quaywall, Naval Station Charleston, South Carolina. The facility is a binks automobile paint spray booth with a butler building erected around it.

24 Port Call, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

MARCH

Electrical repair and motor rewind shop did their first inplace rewind job on a 64 KW motor generator on board USS JOHN MARSHALL (SSN-611).

APRIL

Rubber and plastic shop completely outfitted the binks automobile paint spray booth which was erected in February.

Program established and implemented for augmenting storeroom storage capacity by installation of additional K-rack/bends; this includes additional bends for a total of seven storerooms.

JUNE

14 Dependants cruise from 0646 until 1425.

JULY

21-24 Underway with the mobile training team assist (MTT) for operational propulsion plant examination preparation.

SEPTEMBER

29 - OCT 3 Underway with the mobile training team assist (MTT) for operational propulsion plant examination preparation.

OCTOBER

Third ISSOT civilian hired to process and stow material in storeroom #6, 7, 21, and 28.

19-23 Under went SUBLANT QA audit of control material - no major discrepancies.

First data link in Charleston area for an afloat unit with Navy supply center, Charleston.

NOVEMBER

15-18 Underway for part I of the formal operational propulsion plant examination inspection.

Completed typed commander's second annual IMA quality assurance and proficiency and readiness evaluation.

DECEMBER

1-4 Underway for operational propulsion plant examination. Passed with a satisfactory score. Outstanding main space fire drill.

JANUARY-DECEMBER

During the 1981 calendar year 956 MK 48 torpedoes, 33 harpoon missiles and 17 MK 57 mines were safely handled. Over 130,000 rounds of smalls arms ammunition and 4,134 pyrotechnic devices were also transferred. The quality assurance division conducted 1,404 MK 48 torpedo QA inspections with 424 failures, 1,075 weight test evaluations with 65 failures, 1,075 SUBROC inspections with 7 failures, 12 torpedo tube inspections with 3 failures, and 33 harpoon inspections with 9 failures. The weapons repair department received grades of satisfactory for its safety survey, magazine sprinkler system inspection, quality assurance inspection, explosive safety survey, tactical weapons capability review, and Navy technical proficiency inspection. Both senior inspectors from SUBLANT commented that "FRANK CABLE is the the best nuclear and conventional weapon support facility in the Atlantic fleet".

The stores division reduced the average stock receipt processing time from 10 down to 5.74 days, reduced the average issue and processing time to a total of 4.57 days and attained a 98% location validity for outstanding stowage and documentation of controlled material. The supply support center and repair of other vessels supply support division processed over 6,500 customer requisitions monthly. The disbursing division operated with an average JUMPS error rate of 2.4%, transmitted 7,462 OCR documents on a monthly basis, maintained a pay account average of 3,300 and processed an average of 370 travel claims per month.

The communications division processed an average of 7,000 messages per month, requiring more than 120,000 copies for distribution.