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2. The period covered is from ship's commissioning on 6 October 1984 to 31 December 1985.


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COMMA HISTORY FOR USS HENRY M. JACKSON

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The Blue Crew conducted a series of acoustic trials followed by one month of Demonstration and Shakedown Operations. This shakedown period culminated in the firing of a Trident C-4 missile. Following a transit back to New London, Connecticut, the Blue Crew successfully completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination and Supply Management Inspection. The first Exchange of Command was conducted at the Naval Underwater Systems Center, New London, Connecticut, as the Gold Crew took command on 23 December 1984.

USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN730) completed Demonstration and Shakedown Operations with the Gold Crew at Port Canaveral, Florida, as 1985 began. Following Exchange of Command on 15 February, the Blue Crew conducted a six and one-half week Post Shakedown Availability at the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation, Groton, Connecticut. Upon completion of the availability, the ship conducted a series of acoustic trials and the Blue Crew successfully completed MK48 Weapons Certification.

On 11 May, Exchange of Command was conducted at Port Canaveral, Florida. The Gold Crew successfully completed MK48 Weapons Certification and conducted an interfleet transfer through the Panama Canal to the ship's new homeport of Bangor, Washington.

In August, the ship successfully completed a strategic on-load of Trident C-4 missiles. On 22 August, the Blue Crew again took command of the ship and conducted the first pre-patrol refit. The ship departed on its first strategic deterrent patrol in late September and returned in early December. Following the patrol, the Blue Crew successfully completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination and a Supply Management Inspection with excellent results. Exchange of Command was conducted on 8 December and the Gold Crew prepared the ship for its second patrol at year's end.

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Captain J. R. TURNER, USN, relieved Captain R. L. TINDAL, USN, on 22 January 1986 as the Blue Crew Commanding Officer. After an off-crew training cycle the Blue Crew Exchanged Command of the HENRY M. JACKSON on 17 March 1986 and completed her third pre-patrol refit. She departed on her third strategic deterrent patrol in early April. Captain S. M. BUESCHER, USN, relieved Captain M. A. FARMER as the Gold Crew Commanding Officer on 3 April 1986.

The ship made a brief stop in Hawaii in May to complete a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE), a Torpedo Certification Proficiency (TCP) and a major fleet exercise and returned to Bangor in late June. Exchange of Command was conducted on 23 June 1986. After assisting the Gold Crew prepare the ship for sea, the Blue Crew conducted off-crew training.

In October, the ship returned and Exchange of Command was held on 20 September 1986. After the refit period the ship departed on her fifth strategic deterrent patrol. Returning late in December, the Blue Crew successfully completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) and turned the ship over to the Gold Crew on 23 December 1986.

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