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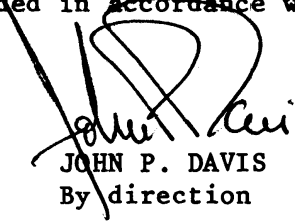
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## 1981 COMMAND HISTORY FOR USS MEMPHIS (SSN691)

USS MEMPHIS (SSN691) opened the year 1981 on station in the Indian Ocean. While under operational control of Commander Task Force SEVEN-FOUR, USS MEMPHIS conducted ASW operations in support of the U.S. Carrier Battle Groups. On 29 January 1981, USS MEMPHIS arrived at Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory after having spent fifty-two consecutive days at sea. After two days moored alongside the USS JASON (AR8), USS MEMPHIS departed Diego Garcia for a port visit in Perth, Australia. On 6 February, USS MEMPHIS tied up at the Royal Australian Naval Base on Garden Island. For five days the crew enjoyed the sights and Australian hospitality in the Perth/Freemantle area. The long transit across the Pacific commenced on 11 February and was highlighted by the second Shellback Ceremony of the deployment as the Equator was crossed once again. The transit through the Panama Canal was made on 2 March and on 7 March USS MEMPHIS returned to Norfolk, Virginia. This completed a 180 day deployment during which the ship spent 140 days at sea, steamed over 50,000 miles, and circumnavigated the globe. The period 7 - 31 March was spent in stand-down and upkeep with USS EMORY S. LAND (AS39), preparing for an upcoming Selected Restricted Availability.

USS MEMPHIS entered into a two month Selected Restricted Availability at Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Virginia on 31 March. Sea trials were successfully completed on 24 May and USS MEMPHIS returned to Norfolk, Virginia for a short upkeep with USS L. Y. SPEAR (AS36). With the exception of a few days USS MEMPHIS spent the remainder of June at sea. One week was spent conducting refresher training in local operating areas. During the later part of the month the ship headed south where it successfully completed a Tactical Readiness Inspection given by Submarine Squadron EIGHT and MK-48 certification on the AUTEK Weapons Range. After returning to Norfolk, Virginia on 2 July, the ship commenced an upkeep with the USS EMORY S. LAND. On 9 July, the ship completed a three day, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with excellent results. On 17 July Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHT, on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy, presented to USS MEMPHIS the Naval Unit Commendation for "exceptionally meritorious service" from December 1980 to January 1981. The last week of July was spent at sea conducting engineering training in preparation for an upcoming Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE). The ship completed its ORSE successfully on 6 August and after returning to homeport tied up alongside the USS EMORY S. LAND. For the period 10-14 August USS MEMPHIS operated in the local Virginia Capes Operating Areas providing services to the USS BATON ROUGE (SSN689). Upon completion of upkeep in mid September, USS MEMPHIS headed south, returning to the acoustic range (AUTEK) facility for MK-48 and refresher training. On 24 September, USS MEMPHIS stopped off at Port Canaveral, Florida for a brief port visit then transited home to Norfolk, Virginia. The ship remained in upkeep status until 8 October, at which time the ship deployed under operational control of Commander Task Force FOUR-TWO. On 16 November, USS MEMPHIS returned to Norfolk and finished out 1981 moored in homeport in an upkeep with the USS EMORY S. LAND. During fiscal year 1981 USS MEMPHIS was awarded the Battle Efficiency "E" from Submarine Squadron EIGHT and the Damage Control "DC".