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1984 COMMAND HISTORY FOR USS MEMPHIS (SSN691)

1984 proved to be an extremely active and rewarding operational year for the USS MEMPHIS, as she participated in two major deployments, a security exercise, a [REDACTED], an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination, and several periods of intense at sea type training.

The year opened with MEMPHIS departing Norfolk, Virginia, on 04 January for a Western Atlantic deployment from which she returned on 07 March. The following 17 days, until 25 March, were spent in an upkeep status alongside the USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39) in Norfolk, Virginia. Following this upkeep period, the ship satisfactorily underwent her [REDACTED]. The first two weeks of April were spent engaging in at-sea type training with returns to port for weekend liberty.

During the period of 16 through 24 April MEMPHIS engaged in a security exercise with the USS JOHN CALHOUN off the coast of South Carolina, after which she returned to Norfolk to undergo inport type training until 29 April. 30 April -01 May again saw MEMPHIS at sea, this time for sea trials. 02 -06 May was spent inport Norfolk, Virginia, continuing with equipment modifications until MEMPHIS was swept to sea for an AGILE PLAYER exercise from 07 -09 May. 10 May saw MEMPHIS enter into an extended pre-deployment upkeep that lasted until 10 June at which time she got underway for New London, Connecticut conducting sonar calibration operations enroute until 16 June. During this period MEMPHIS embarked 4 midshipmen (2 first class and 2 third class) for midshipman summer training. 17 through 23 June was spent in Groton/New London conducting predeployment refresher training. During the return transit to Norfolk POM workup was conducted. After a week in port, highlighted by a command inspection and awards ceremony, MEMPHIS conducted POM certification in the Virginia Capes operating areas from 09 - 13 July. The final pre-deployment load out was completed between 14 and 20 July.

21 July saw the culmination of all the previous months' hard work as MEMPHIS departed for its long awaited deployment. This deployment, to the Northern Atlantic included induction of the crew into the Royal Order of the Bluenose as the ship crossed the Artic Circle. The crew was kept active with excitement until 16 October when after several deployment extensions, she pulled into Holy Loch, Scotland to replenish depleted food stores. On 18 October, MEMPHIS shifted to Fasland, Scotland for a well deserved liberty port visit. On 22 October MEMPHIS sadly departed the hospitality she had found in Scotland for her return to Norfolk, Virginia, where she arrived on 30 October. Until 13 November MEMPHIS sailors were treated to a standown period followed by an upkeep alongside USS EMORY S. LAND (AS-39) that ended with a post-upkeep fast cruise from 26 - 28 November. 28 November until 10 December was spent at sea performing type training, broken up by a weekend return to Norfolk on 02 - 03 December. 11 - 12 December saw MEMPHIS undergoing her annual Operational Reactors Safeguards Examination with the Above Average results earning the praise of the Type Commander. The remainder of the week was spent inport until 12 December when MEMPHIS put to sea to provide services for a deploying submarine.

MEMPHIS closed out the year enjoying the Christmas holidays in her home port with the crew standing down for the holiday period.