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1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is forwarded.


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Part I - Command Composition and Organization

USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691) is a Los Angeles Class fast attack, nuclear powered submarine whose primary mission is anti-submarine warfare (ASW). She is homeported in Norfolk, Virginia and supports the following operational Chain of Command: Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHT, Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691) reports administratively to Commander Submarine Group SIX via Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHT.

The Commanding Officer for the duration of 1988 was Commander Gary E. Williams, USN.

Part II - Chronology

01 JAN - 10 JAN	Complete Upkeep, La Maddalena, Italy
11 JAN - 03 FEB	ASW Operations
04 FEB - 10 FEB	Upkeep, La Maddalena, Italy
12 FEB - 15 FEB	Port Visit, Naples, Italy
16 FEB - 08 MAR	ASW Operations
09 MAR	PERSTRANS Rota, Spain/Outchop Mediterranean Sea
10 MAR - 11 MAR	HUMEVAC, Lisbon, Portugal
14 MAR	ASW Exercise
15 MAR	PERSTRANS Bermuda
17 MAR - 19 MAR	Surprise Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE)
20 MAR - 02 APR	Stand Down, inport Norfolk
11 APR - 13 APR	[REDACTED]
14 APR - 01 MAY	Upkeep, Norfolk, Va
02 MAY - 11 MAY	Operations with Commander Destroyer Squadron TWO FOUR
19 MAY - 23 MAY	Inport, Annapolis, MD (USNA Graduation Week)
01 JUN - 05 JUN	Operations with Commander Destroyer Squadron THREE SIX
06 JUN - 09 JUN	NATO Exercise MARCOT with Canadian Navy
14 JUN - 16 JUN	Operations with USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) Battle Group
16 JUN - 19 JUN	Port Visit St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands
21 JUN - 23 JUN	Operations with USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) Battle Group
24 JUN - 29 JUN	Transit, Type Training
05 JUL - 11 JUL	Midshipman Second Class Indoctrination/Training at AUTEK
12 JUL - 13 JUL	Port Visit, Port Canaveral, Florida
16 JUL	MK 48, Harpoon and Tomahawk proficiency, AUTEK
17 JUL - 20 JUL	Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE)
21 JUL - 10 AUG	Upkeep, Norfolk, Va
11 AUG - 31 OCT	Selected Restricted Availability (SRA), Sea Trials and guarantee period, Norfolk, Va
01 NOV - 04 NOV	Underway Type Training
07 NOV - 11 NOV	Underway Type Training
11 NOV - 04 DEC	Upkeep, Norfolk, Va
05 DEC - 09 DEC	Underway Type Training
11 DEC - 16 DEC	Inport, Norfolk, Va
17 DEC - 31 DEC	Holiday Stand Down

Enclosure (1)

Part III - Narrative

The year of 1988 began with the USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691) in port in La Maddalena, Italy, midway through her first post-overhaul deployment. The period of early January to early March saw USS MEMPHIS conducting ASW operations in the Mediterranean Sea, with a 3 day port visit in Naples, Italy. On 9 March, 1988, USS MEMPHIS outchopped the Mediterranean Sea enroute Norfolk, Virginia. During the transit, a HUMEVAC was conducted on 9 March at Lisbon, Portugal, and on 15 March USS MEMPHIS stopped at Bermuda to embark the Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) Team to conduct a Surprise ORSE. USS MEMPHIS pulled into Norfolk, Virginia on 19 March 1988, ending her six month deployment. After a post-deployment stand down period, April began with USS MEMPHIS conducting a workup for her [REDACTED]

May, June and July was a busy time frame. The USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691) participated in Graduation Week activities at the U.S. Naval Academy for the second consecutive year. She conducted operations with COMDESRON TWO FOUR, NATO Exercise MARCOT with the Canadian Navy, operations with USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN-71) Battle Group, MK 48, Harpoon and Tomahawk proficiency at AUTEK, and completed her Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) with a score far above the fleet average. Despite this very busy period, time was found for port calls in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands and Port Canaveral, Florida.

USS MEMPHIS conducted a two and one half month Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) in Norfolk, Virginia during the months of August through October. Because of the extensive time at sea to date since overhaul, the remainder of 1988 saw little at sea time with USS MEMPHIS participating in three one week type training periods with other fleet units. The USS MEMPHIS ended the year of 1988 in home port, Norfolk, Virginia, conducting holiday stand down.