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1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded in accordance with reference (a).

  
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## Part I - Command Composition and Organization

USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691) is a nuclear powered, Los Angeles Class attack 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.

Commander John F. Dohse, USN, relieved Commander Gary E. Williams, USN, as Commanding Officer on 11 November, 1989. Commander Dohse's biography is attached as Tab A.

## Part II - Chronology

01 JAN - 16 JAN	Upkeep, Norfolk, VA
17 JAN - 05 FEB	ISE and Predeployment Workup
06 FEB - 07 FEB	Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination
09 FEB - 28 FEB	Predeployment Upkeep, Norfolk, VA
01 MAR - 05 MAR	At sea Sonar Calibration
06 MAR - 12 MAR	Predeployment Refresher Training, New London, CT
13 MAR - 18 MAR	Predeployment At Sea Operations
20 MAR - 24 MAR	Predeployment At Sea Certification
25 MAR - 28 MAR	Inport, Norfolk, VA
29 MAR - 01 JUN	Atlantic Ocean Deployment
01 JUN - 03 JUN	Inport Holy Loch, Scotland
06 JUN - 09 JUN	Port Visit, Plymouth, England
13 JUN - 17 JUN	Port Visit, Haakonsværn, Norway
20 JUN - 04 JUL	ASW Exercises
09 JUL - 24 JUL	Standdown, Norfolk, VA
24 JUL - 27 AUG	IMA Upkeep, Norfolk, VA
28 AUG - 01 SEP	ISE and ASW services
02 SEP - 14 SEP	Submarine Tactical Training Between Deployments (STTBD) at Submarine Training Facility, Norfolk, VA
15 SEP - 29 SEP	MK 48 Command Qualification Firings, Tomahawk Proficiency and Operational Test Launch of Tomahawk Missile
30 SEP - 01 OCT	Inport, Norfolk, VA
02 OCT - 02 OCT	Dependent's Cruise
03 OCT - 11 NOV	Upkeep, Norfolk, VA
11 NOV	Change of Command
12 NOV - 19 DEC	IMA Upkeep and Shipyard Restricted Availability, Norfolk, Va
20 DEC - 22 DEC	ISE and Sea Trials
23 DEC - 31 DEC	Holiday Standdown

### Part III - Narrative

The year 1989, started with the USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691) in port Norfolk, Virginia, finishing her holiday standdown and preparing for an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) and deployment. The months of February and March saw USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691) complete an extended upkeep and loadout in preparation for her upcoming deployment. Following the February upkeep, MEMPHIS conducted crew refresher training in New London, Connecticut, and finished the month of March by completing Pre-Overseas Movement Workup and Certification (POMCERT) operations at sea.

On 29 March, 1989, MEMPHIS deployed to the Western Atlantic until 9 July, 1989. The MEMPHIS crew were awarded the Navy Expeditionary Medal and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon. The deployment included port visits in Holy Loch, Scotland; Plymouth, England; and Haakonsværn, Norway. MEMPHIS returned to Norfolk, Virginia, on 9 July, 1989.

The months of July and August saw USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691) and her crew enjoy a two week standdown followed by a two month upkeep. The beginning of September was spent at the Submarine Training Facility, Norfolk, Virginia, in preparation for MK 48 Torpedo Command Qualification Firings, Tomahawk cruise missile proficiency operations and an operational test launch of a Tomahawk missile which took place from 15 September to 29 September, 1989.

USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691) returned to Norfolk, Virginia, on 1 October, 1989. On 2 October, MEMPHIS conducted a dependent's cruise for her crew and their families. On 3 October, 1989, MEMPHIS began an in port upkeep. On 11 November, 1989, Commander John F. Dohse relieved Commander Gary E. Williams as Commanding Officer. The remainder of November and most of December was spent in port Norfolk, Virginia.