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USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691)
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(2) Chronology
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(4) Supporting Documents

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.


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COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Commanding Officer	CAPT Breckenridge
Executive Officer	LCDR Blakely
Leading Yeoman	YN1 [REDACTED]
Chief of the Boat	MMCS Greenough
Training Coordinators	MMCM [REDACTED]
	ETCS [REDACTED]
Maintenance, Material and Management (3M) Coordinator	MMC [REDACTED]
Navigator/Operations Officer	LCDR [REDACTED]
Operations Department Enlisted Advisor	ETCS [REDACTED]
Assistant Navigator	ETC [REDACTED]
Navigation Division LPO	ET1 [REDACTED]
Communications Officer	LTJG [REDACTED]
Communications Division LPO	ETC [REDACTED]
Combat Systems Officer	LT [REDACTED]
Combat Systems Dept LCPO	MMC [REDACTED]
Fire Control Division LPO	FTCS [REDACTED]
Torpedo Division LPO	MMC [REDACTED]
First Lieutenant	STS1 [REDACTED]
Deck Division LPO	STS3 [REDACTED]
Sonar Division LPO	STSC [REDACTED]
Engineer Officer	LCDR [REDACTED]
Engineering Department Master Chief	MMCM [REDACTED]
Main Propulsion Assistant	LTJG [REDACTED]
Machinery Division LPO	MMC [REDACTED]
Electrical Officer	LTJG [REDACTED]
Electrical Division LPO	EMC [REDACTED]
Reactor Controls Assistant	LTJG [REDACTED]
Reactor Controls Division LPO	ETC [REDACTED]
Damage Control Assistant	LTJG [REDACTED]
Auxiliary Division LPO	MMC [REDACTED]
Chemistry/Radiological Controls Asst	LTJG [REDACTED]
Leading Engineering Laboratory Tech	MM1 [REDACTED]
Supply Officer	LTJG [REDACTED]
Supply Department LCPO	MSC [REDACTED]
Stores Division Officer	LTJG [REDACTED]
Stores Division LPO	SK1 [REDACTED]
Food Services Division Officer	LTJG [REDACTED]
Food Services Division LPO	MSC [REDACTED]
Medical Department Representative	HMC [REDACTED]

Command Short Title: USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691)

Command UIC: 20782

Command Address: USS MEMPHIS (SSN 691)
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Homeport: Naval Submarine Base
New London CT

Immediate Superior in
Command: Commander, Submarine Development
Squadron 12
Naval Submarine Base, New London
Groton, CT 06349-5200

Type Commander: Commander Submarine Force,
U.S. Atlantic Fleet
7958 Blandy Rd
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CHRONOLOGY

January 9, 2003	Underway, Groton, CT, Pier 8S AUTECH TACDEVEX 21 Days in Port
January 22, 2003	Arrive Port Canaveral, FL, Trident Wharf Visit 13 Days at Sea
January 27, 2003	Underway Tiger Cruise 5 Days in Port
January 30, 2003	Arrive Groton, CT, Pier 31N SUBBASE NLON 3 Days at Sea
February 11, 2003	Underway VIP Cruise NBOAs 12 Days in Port
February 12, 2003	Arrive Groton, CT, Pier 8S SUBBASE NLON 1 Days at Sea
February 19, 2003	Underway Pre-Deployment training, NBOAs 7 Days in Port
March 14, 2003	Arrive Groton, CT, Pier 17S SUBBASE NLON 23 Days at Sea
April 4, 2003	Underway TRE workup NBOAs 21 Days in Port
April 10, 2003	Arrive Groton, CT, Pier 17S SUBBASE NLON 6 Days at Sea
May 20, 2003	Underway TACDEVEX, TRE workup 40 Days in Port
May 28, 2003	Arrive, Port Canaveral, FL Trident Wharf BSP
May 28, 2003	Underway TRE AUTECH
June 9, 2003	Arrive Groton, CT, Pier 10S SUBBASE NLON 20 Days at Sea
June 16, 2003	Underway POM Certification 7 Days in Port

June 23, 2003	Arrive Groton, CT, Pier 15S SUBBASE NLON 7 Days at Sea
June 24, 2003	Underway NBOAs 1 Days in Port
June 26, 2003	Arrive Groton, CT, Pier 33S SUBBASE NLON 2 Days at Sea
July 16, 2003	Underway Transit to MED 20 Days in Port
July 28, 2003	Arrive La Maddalena, IT USS EMORY S. LAND 12 Days at Sea
August 1, 2003	Underway INCHOP inspection, transit to Souda Bay, Crete 4 Days in Port
August 4, 2003	Arrive Souda Bay, Crete Pier K-14 Visit 3 Days at Sea
August 6, 2003	Underway Transit to Mina Salman, Bahrain 2 Days in Port
August 19, 2003	Arrive Mina Salman, Bahrain Berth 10 Visit 13 Days at Sea
August 27, 2003	Underway Conducting Operations in the Arabian Gulf 8 Days in Port
September 9, 2003	Arrive Mina Salman, Bahrain Berth 10 Visit 13 Days at Sea
September 10, 2003	Underway Operations in the Arabian Gulf 1 Day in Port
September 29, 2003	Arrive Mina Salman, Bahrain Berth 10 Visit 19 Days at Sea
October 4, 2003	Underway Operations in the Arabian Gulf 5 Days in Port
October 31, 2003	Arrive Mina Salman, Bahrain Berth 10 Visit 27 Days at Sea

November 3, 2003	Underway TACDEVEX, Arabian Gulf 3 Days in Port
November 10, 2003	Arrive Mina Salman, Bahrain Berth 10 Visit 7 Days at Sea
November 17, 2003	Underway Operations in the Arabian Gulf 7 Days in Port
November 29, 2003	Arrive Mina Salman, Bahrain Berth 7 Visit 12 Days at Sea
November 30, 2003	Underway Operations in the Arabian Gulf, Transit to Souda Bay, Crete 1 Day in Port
December 16, 2003	Arrive, Souda Bay, Crete pier K-14 BSP
December 16, 2003	Underway ERR, Transit to La Maddalena, Italy
December 19, 2003	Arrive La Maddalena, Italy USS EMORY S. LAND, Upkeep 19 Days at Sea
December 26, 2003	Underway Transit to Rota, Spain 7 Days in Port
December 29, 2003	Arrive Rota, Spain Visit 3 Days at Sea

NARRATIVE

USS MEMPHIS had one of the most productive years in her long history during 2003. One word sums up her performance, "OPERATIONAL". Throughout 2003, MEMPHIS was at sea 203 days, conducted a MED/CENTCOM deployment, and completed four national security missions. This was particularly impressive considering the recent completion of a nine-month overhaul in December 2002 allowing only six months to prepare to deploy.

MEMPHIS burst out of the blocks in 2003 by immediately commencing a POM work-up period and conducting a platform noise monitor, torpedo proficiency, and torpedo TACDEVEX on the AUTEK range. MEMPHIS continued the POM work-up by focusing on shallow water, high contact density training both inport and at sea. The POM period was highlighted by a diesel TACDEVEX with a Peruvian SSK, a TRE off the Bahamas, a POM certification off Cape Cod, and a VIP underway with Brian Williams of NBC. NBC aired a two part series on the MEMPHIS in March of 2003.

On July 16th, MEMPHIS commenced a six-month highly successful deployment to the Arabian Gulf (CENTCOM) via the Mediterranean and Suez Canal. MEMPHIS conducted port visits in La Maddalena, Italy, Rota, Spain, Souda Bay, Crete, and Mina Salman, Bahrain. Throughout the deployment, MEMPHIS supported various MPA exercises in both the Arabian Gulf and the Mediterranean, executed a mine TACDEVEX (Arabian Gulf), located a downed EA-6 Prowler in the northern Arabian Gulf, and completed four national security missions. MEMPHIS was the first submarine to transit the Suez Canal unescorted with a Marine force protection detachment aboard. MEMPHIS steamed 29,000 miles throughout the deployment, completed a successful Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination, and returned to Groton, CT January 16, 2004.

The performance of the officers and crew during 2003 was superb. An inexperienced and out of practice group in January became a seasoned and highly proficient team by mid-year. Additionally, the material condition of the ship throughout the year remained outstanding. This was a tribute to the work performed by PNSY and EB in 2002 and ship's force throughout 2003. The efforts of all involved with MEMPHIS' 2003 material condition and crew training were vital to her sustained front line position during the Global War on Terrorism.