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From: Commanding Officer, USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINTE PAUL (SSN 708)
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Encl: (1) USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINTE PAUL (SSN 708) Command History for 1985

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

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USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708) Command History for 1985

Commanding Officer - CDR Charles J. Beers, Jr., USN

Executive Officer - CDR Lonnie D. Butler, USN

Relieved by LCDR Charles A. Weitz, Jr., USN, 13 December 1985.

11 JAN - 14 JAN DEPERM Site - Norfolk

14 JAN - 02 FEB Tomahawk and Harpoon Missile Certification. Weapons System Accuracy Testing (WSAT). Six days were spent in Roosevelt Roads P.R., four days in St. Croix and three days port call in St Thomas, V.I.

07 MAR Received Gold Dolphin Flag for 100 percent qualification of officers eligible for warfare specialty

02 MAR - 08 MAR Pre Overseas Movement (POM) UPKEEP - NORVA

14 MAR Received Silver Dolphin Flag for 100 percent qualification of enlisted eligible for warfare specialty

08 APR - 12 APR POM Work-Up - VACAPES Op Areas

15 APR - 18 APR POM Certification - VACAPES Op Areas

18 APR - 24 APR RFS Period

25 APR - 07 JUL Conducted a highly successful independent submarine ASW operation

07 JUL - 14 JUL STANDOWN - NORVA

14 JUL - 04 AUG UPKEEP - NORVA

04 AUG - 25 AUG Range EX-85. Over the horizon targeting test

26 AUG - 28 AUG Unannounced Operational Reactor Safety Examination - Grade: Average

30 AUG - 22 SEP IN PORT, NORVA

23 SEP - 28 SEP Services to USS H. G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) - VACAPES Op Area

30 SEP - 04 OCT Services to USS HONOLULU (SSN 718) - VACAPES Op Areas

05 OCT - 27 OCT UPKEEP - NORVA; Nuclear Weapons Technical Assist (8 OCT-11 OCT) Grade: SAT

Enclosure (1)

- 28 OCT - 22 NOV PCO OPERATIONS - AUTEK. Two port calls in Port Everglades, FL.
- 21 NOV - 27 NOV Atlantic Fleet Submarine representative to SACLANT change of command ceremony.
- 27 NOV - 31 DEC UPKEEP and Holiday STANDOWN - NORVA
Nuclear Weapon Acceptance Inspection (10 DEC - 12 DEC)
GRADE: Satisfactory

The following items bear further discussion:

- 25 APR - 07 JUL: During this period USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL conducted a 2.5 month independent submarine ASW operation. This operation was a complete and unparalleled success. Although security constraints preclude further description of this mission, the ship established the ASW yard stick by which future mission will be measured. The successes of this mission have been briefed to Commander, Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, Commander in Chief, Atlantic Fleet and will be presented in Washington D. C. to various Pentagon officials.
- 04 - 25 AUG: RANGE EX-85 was an operation designed to determine the ability of submarines at sea to utilize various intelligence sources including organic sources to conduct over the horizon targeting (OTH-T). This was the first exercise of this complexity to be attempted. The exercise was completed satisfactorily with the ship receiving accolades for its professionalism.
- 26 - 28 AUG: The ship conducted a previously unannounced Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination. The examination was completed successfully with a overall performance grade of average; the first 688 class submarine to attain a grade of better than below average in these surprise inspections.
- 28 OCT - 22 NOV: During this period, the ship conducted two port calls of note in conjunction with prospective Commanding Officer operations. Although both were at Port Everglades, FL they were important in that they enabled the ship to conduct its first formal dependents cruise with the ship submerging and demonstrating its capabilities to all embarked. Additionally, the ship, crew and families were filmed and interviewed by KSTP television, Minneapolis-Saint Paul, Minnesota. The film was then televised as a mini-series along with the nightly news. This strengthened the ties between USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL and its namesake cities.