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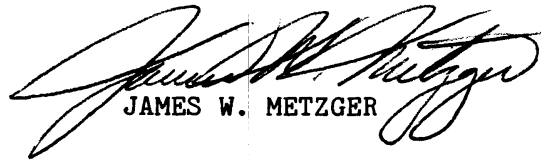
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Encl: (1) USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINTE PAUL (SSN 708) Command History for 1987

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


JAMES W. METZGER

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USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINT PAUL (SSN 708) Command History for 1987

Immediate Senior Command, Commander, Submarine Squadron EIGHT
Commanding Officer, CAPT CHARLES J. BEERS, USN (1/1/87 - 6/13/87)
Commanding Officer, CDR JAMES W. METZGER, USN (6/13/87 - 12/31/87)
Executive Officer, CDR CHARLES A. WEITZ JR., USN

01 JAN - 23 JAN Completed Selected Restricted Availability (SRA).
Drydocked aboard USS RESOLUTE (AFDM-10). Completed two
weeks ahead of schedule.

23 JAN - 08 FEB Undocked from USS RESOLUTE (AFDM-10). Inport Norfolk,
VA.

06 FEB - 07 FEB Post SRA Sea Trials

09 MAR - 11 MAR Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI).

12 MAR - 16 MAR Recruiting visit United States Naval Academy

17 MAR - 29 MAR Underway Operations WESTLANT/Caribbean. Provided support
of USS CORAL SEA Operations.

29 MAR - 06 APR Inport Norfolk, VA.

06 APR - 16 APR NATO OPS in VCOA's, Provided ADCAP services and Special
Torpedo Services.

16 APR - 22 APR Inport New London, CT., Refresher Training.

23 APR - 25 APR Provided Special Torpedo Services

26 APR - 12 MAY Upkeep - Norfolk, VA.

12 MAY - 16 MAY Transit to Port Canaveral, FL.

16 MAY - 17 MAY Port Visit Port Canaveral, FL.

18 MAY - 26 MAY Prospective Commanding Officer Operations

26 MAY - 28 MAY Port Visit Port Everglades, FL.

28 MAY - 05 JUN Transit to Norfolk, VA.

05 JUN - 21 JUN UPKEEP - Norfolk, VA.

13 JUN Change of Command Ceremony

Enclosure (1)

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22 JUN - 26 JUN Transit to Port Everglades, FL.
26 JUN - 28 JUN Port Visit Port Everglades, FL.
29 JUN - 30 JUN Navy League, JNROTC, Sea Cadets familiarization ride.
01 JUL - 15 JUL Midshipman Operations AUTEK Range.
16 JUL - 23 JUL INPORT - Norfolk, VA.
21 JUL - 23 JUL Maintenance, Material, Management Inspection
Excellent
24 JUL - 30 JUL Consolidated ASW Readiness Test
Above Average
30 JUL - 18 AUG UPKEEP - Norfolk, VA.
18 AUG - 05 SEP FLEETEX 4-87, St. Croix Op Areas
06 SEP - 09 SEP Port Visit Port Canaveral, FL
09 SEP - 26 SEP Provide ASW services to various LANTFLT Units.
27 SEP - 28 SEP Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination
Above Average
29 SEP - 02 OCT Exercise AGILE Player
01 OCT Ship awarded Submarine Squadron EIGHT Damage Control "DC"
and Engineering "E" for FY-87.
03 OCT - 26 OCT UPKEEP - Norfolk, VA.
26 OCT - 31 OCT Provide services for various LANTFLT Units.
01 NOV - 09 NOV UPKEEP - Norfolk, VA.
09 NOV - 13 NOV Pre-Overseas Movement Work-Up
13 NOV - 23 NOV UPKEEP - Norfolk, VA.
23 NOV - 25 NOV Pre-Overseas Movement Certification
Above Average
25 NOV - 01 DEC UPKEEP - Norfolk, VA.

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01 DEC Depart Norfolk for Extended Deployment

01 DEC - 10 DEC INCHOP Mediterranean. Change OPCON to CTF 69.

10 DEC - 16 DEC Transit to Eastern Mediterranean. Brief stop for
- personnel transfer at Gibraltar and Augusta Bay.

16 DEC - 21 DEC Port visit Anatalya, Turkey

22 DEC - 24 DEC Transit to Ashdod, Israel

24 DEC - 28 DEC Port visit Ashdod, Israel

28 DEC - 31 DEC Operations Eastern Mediterranean.

NARRATIVE

The ship was awarded the Submarine Squadron EIGHT Damage Control "DC" and Engineering "E" for Fiscal Year 1987. The ship was also awarded a Meritorious Unit Commendation for operations conducted July - September 1986.



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting
the MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to

USS MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL (SSN 708)

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For meritorious service during a period in 1986 when the officers and enlisted men of USS MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL (SSN 708) successfully completed independent submarine operations which were conducted under the most arduous and potentially hazardous conditions, synonymous with a wartime condition. The contributions made by the officers and enlisted men of USS MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL were of major significance to the national defense of the United States and the success of these operations was due primarily to the professional skill, resourcefulness, and perseverance of her dedicated crew. By their technical expertise, team spirit, and loyal devotion to duty, the officers and enlisted personnel of USS MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL (SSN 708) reflected credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James R. Webb".

Secretary of the Navy



6 October 1987

Commander J. W. Metzger
Commanding Officer
USS MINNEAPOLIS SAINT PAUL (SSN 708)
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Dear Commander Metzger,

All of us in Submarine Squadron EIGHT were pleased and proud to see the superb performance of MINNEAPOLIS SAINT PAUL on your recent Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination. It was clear that your Above Average grade was a strong one, near Excellent. The hard work and obvious pulling together by your crew were evident. This is the type of sustained readiness that brought you the Engineering "E" and the Damage Control "DC." Congratulations for your fine, steady, first rate performance. Please pass my congratulations to your shipmates for their dedication and team spirit.

I am looking forward to riding with you and your crew as you tune up for deployment. Best of Luck.

Sincerely,

T. J. ROBERTSON
Captain, U.S. Navy
Commander Submarine Squadron EIGHT