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From: Commanding Officer, USS MONTPELIER (SSN 765)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-098H), Washington Navy Yard, Washington, DC 20374-0571

Subj: COMMAND HISTORY (U)

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5720.12D

- Encl: (1) USS MONTPELIER Welcome Aboard Brochure (U)
- (2) Deployment Debrief (C)
- (3) Deployment Press Releases (U)
- (4) Ship's Photographs (U)

1. The following submission documents the command history of USS MONTPELIER (SSN 765) for the period 1 January 1995 through 31 December 1995 and has been prepared per reference (a).

2. Command Composition and Organization.

a. USS MONTPELIER Mission Statement. "To function as a complementary team, providing opportunity for our people to be responsibly independent and effectively interdependent, achieve maximum personal and professional growth, and enhance job satisfaction and pride in submarining in order to successfully carry out any assigned mission while at the same time balancing the needs of our people and families."

b. Organizational Structure.

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CAPT Peter Flannery
(Submarine Squadron Six)
(01 JAN - 02 APR), (20 AUG - 31 DEC)

RADM Richard Mies
(Submarine Group Eight)
(02 APR - 20 AUG)

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer

CDR Roger W. Seedorf
LCDR Mike Budney (Transferred 1995)
LCDR Joseph E. Tofalo

Engineering Officer
Navigation/Operations
Combat Systems Officer
Supply Officer
Division Officers

LT [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED] (Transferred 1995)
LT [REDACTED] (Transferred 1995)
LT [REDACTED]

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LT [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED] (Transferred 1996)
LT [REDACTED]
LTJG [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED]
LT [REDACTED] (Transferred 1995)

c. The Commanding Officer's biography is contained in enclosure (1).

d. USS MONTPELIER was homeported in Norfolk, VA, for the reporting period.

2. Chronology.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
01 JAN - 05 JAN	In port - Norfolk, VA
05 JAN - 04 FEB	JTFEX 95-1 w/ USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group
04 FEB - 13 MAR	In port Norfolk, VA Upkeep - Norfolk, VA
08 FEB - 15 FEB	Drydock - Norfolk Naval Shipyard
13 MAR - 15 MAR	Sea Trials
15 MAR - 22 MAR	In port - Norfolk, VA
22 MAR - 01 MAY	Underway (Transit to the Mediterranean)
02 APR	INCHOP to GROUP 8
07 APR - 28 APR	Operation Sharp Guard
01 MAY - 11 MAY	Upkeep - La Maddalena, Italy
11 MAY - 05 JUN	Underway
13 MAY - 03 JUN	Operation Sharp Guard
05 JUN - 12 JUN	Port Visit - Souda Bay, Crete
12 JUN - 28 JUN	Underway
13 JUN	Exercise Trident Express 95-1
16 JUN - 18 JUN	ASW Exercise w/ USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group
21 JUN - 26 JUN	CNO Project - EDMP Testing (use of explosive sonobuoys)
28 JUN - 19 JUL	Upkeep - La Maddalena, Italy
19 JUL - 21 JUL	Underway
21 JUL - 25 JUL	Port Visit - Naples, Italy
25 JUL - 26 JUL	Underway
26 JUL - 04 AUG	Port Visit - Toulon, France
04 AUG - 11 AUG	Underway
07 AUG - 09 AUG	Exercise Coiled Cobra
11 AUG - 16 AUG	Voyage Repairs - La Maddalena, Italy
16 AUG - 30 AUG	Underway (Transit to Norfolk, VA)
20 AUG	Outchop to Submarine Squadron Six
28 AUG - 30 AUG	Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination
31 AUG - 24 OCT	Inport - Norfolk, VA Upkeep - Norfolk, VA
24 OCT - 28 OCT	Underway (Transit to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico)

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28 OCT - 31 OCT	Port Visit - Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
31 OCT - 10 NOV	Prospective Commanding Officer Operations
10 NOV - 11 NOV	Port Visit - Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico
11 NOV - 20 NOV	Underway
14 NOV - 16 NOV	Tactical Readiness Evaluation
20 NOV - 31 DEC	In port - Norfolk, VA
20 NOV - 08 JAN	Upkeep - Norfolk, VA

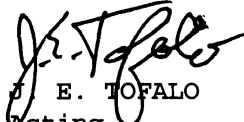
3. Narrative. The majority of 1995 was dedicated to preparing for and successfully executing USS MONTPELIER's first overseas deployment. The beginning of the year found MONTPELIER involved in JTFEX 95-1, the final joint exercise to certify the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) Carrier Battle Group prior to departing for the Mediterranean in March. This exercise once again emphasized the importance of coordination in effectively utilizing the submarine in a Battle Group environment. Shortly after completing JTFEX 95-1 and returning to Norfolk, the requirement to have three submarines assigned to carrier battle groups in the Mediterranean was reduced to two. USS KEY WEST (SSN 722) and USS BATFISH (SSN 681) remained assigned to the THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group, while MONTPELIER was reassigned as an independent operations submarine for the duration of the deployment.

On 22 March, MONTPELIER departed Norfolk for its Mediterranean deployment and, after a delay in entering through the Straits of Gibraltar because of heavy weather, was inchooped to Submarine Group Eight. The highlights of MONTPELIER's deployment included several weeks participation in Operation Sharp Guard enforcing United Nations' sanctions against Bosnia-Herzegovina, participation in several coordinated training exercises with elements of the THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group and foreign naval vessels, and visits to liberty ports throughout the Mediterranean. A brief summary of the ship's deployment is provided as enclosure (2), a copy of the Deployment Debrief presented to Vice Admiral Emery (COMSUBLANT) upon returning to Norfolk. The deployment drew to a close with a scheduled Operational Reactor Safeguards Examinations and ended when MONTPELIER returned home to Norfolk, VA, on 30 AUG. Enclosure (3) provides a description of many of the lessons learned during MONTPELIER's first Mediterranean deployment, while Enclosure (4) includes the major press releases that the ship generated while on deployment. USS MONTPELIER was awarded both the Navy Unit Commendation Medal and the newly authorized NATO and Armed Forces Service Medals for its participation in Operation Sharp Guard during the deployment.

Following the deployment, MONTPELIER enjoyed approximately two weeks of stand-down, before entering an upkeep period in preparation for its upcoming underway in OCT. This upkeep was significant because it was the first performed by the Regional Maintenance Center (Norfolk Naval Shipyard) in the Navy's effort to phase out the submarine tenders based in Norfolk. As might be expected there were difficulties to overcome in bringing together a new process of this magnitude, but the end product was a submarine that was ready in all respects to go to sea.

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MONTPELIER departed on 24 October to conduct Prospective Commanding Officer Operations in the Puerto Rico Operating Areas, followed by the ship's Tactical Readiness Evaluation on the AUTEK Ranges. Both events exercised the crew's capabilities for conducting the entire spectrum of submarine operations and raised the ship's level of proficiency dramatically. MONTPELIER finished the year in its homeport of Norfolk, VA.


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