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## HISTORY OF USS CORPORAL (SS-346)

The submarine USS CORPORAL (SS-346) was built by the Electric Boat Company at Groton, Connecticut. The keel was laid on April 27, 1945, and the launching took place on June 10, 1945, only forty-four days later. Commissioning and delivery to the Navy took place on November 9, 1945, at the United States Naval Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut, with Commander Edward Ellis SHELBY as the first Commanding Officer.

In January 1946, CORPORAL departed New London on her shakedown cruise to the Canal Zone, Republic of Panama. Successfully completing this, her first big test, she joined Submarine Squadron FOUR at Key West, Florida.

During 1946 and 1947 CORPORAL served in various anti-submarine exercises in the Key West area and in the February 1947 Fleet Exercises. Returning to Groton, Connecticut, in 1948, she was converted to a GUPPY II class submarine. This conversion entailed the removal of all deck guns, the replacing with newer, more powerful batteries, the installation of the Snorkel System to allow the diesel engines to operate submerged, and the streamlining of the hull.

Following this conversion CORPORAL returned to Key West and continued providing valuable services to our increasingly important anti-submarine forces.

Since 1952, CORPORAL has made three deployments to the Mediterranean for operations with the SIXTH Fleet. During these operations she visited most of the Free World countries around the Mediterranean Sea.

In February 1962 CORPORAL entered the Charleston Naval Shipyard to undergo a ten-month conversion from a GUPPY II to a GUPPY III class submarine. This conversion included slicing the ship in half, adding a fifteen foot section amidships and installing a higher, plastic sail over the Conning Tower. The lengthening of the hull facilitated the installation of much new and sophisticated electronic and weapons systems equipment. Obsolete equipment was replaced by more modern equipment and other equipment was completely overhauled.

CORPORAL was placed back in "front line" commission on July 20, 1962, and assigned to Submarine Squadron TWO based in Groton, Connecticut.

The present Commanding Officer, LCDR Clifford P. BARNES, USN, assumed command in July 1963.

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