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(2) Basic narrative history of USS CORPORAL (SS346) for
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(3) Documentary annexes

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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1970

JANUARY

1-2 Inport Principality of Monaco
3-7 Transit/service to Task Force 67, Task Group 60.1
8-11 Inport Naples, Italy
12-13 Transit/ASW DEMO for Assistant Secretary of Navy
14-15 Transit/services to Task Force 67/brief stop Naples, Italy
16 Transit/services to Task Force 67/ASW DEMO for Assistant Secretary of Navy
17-18 Exercise DEEP SIX/transit
19-21 Inport Naples, Italy (RAV)
22-25 Transit/services to Task Group 60.1
27-30 Inport Iraklion, Crete
31 Transit

FEBRUARY

1-2 Services to Task Force 67/Task Group 60.1
3-5 Exercise NATIONAL WEEK
6 Transit
7-12 Inport Athens, Greece
13-14 Transit
15 Exercise MEDASWEX, Task Group 60.2
16 Transit/services to Task Force 67
17-18 Transit/brief stop Naples, Italy
19-27 Inport Palma, Mallorca, Spain
28 Transit

MARCH

1 Transit
2 Inport Rota, Spain
3 Completed Mediterranean Deployment as unit of U. S. SIXTH FLEET. Enroute, New London, Connecticut
4-17 Transit
18-31 Upkeep, New London, Connecticut

APRIL

1-30 Upkeep, New London, Connecticut

MAY

1-31 Upkeep, New London, Connecticut

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JUNE

1-30 Upkeep, New London, Connecticut
12 Change of Command ceremonies: CDR J.P. SHEETS, USN
relieved by LCDR J.H. SIMPSON, USN.

JULY

1-20 Upkeep, New London, Connecticut
21-22 Sea Trials, NARRABAY OP AREAS
23-24 TYT/transit
25-26 Inport, New London, Connecticut
27 Transit
28-30 Aircraft ASW services
31 Transit/inport, New London, Connecticut

AUGUST

1-2 Inport, New London, Connecticut
3-6 ASW, ISE exercises
7-9 Inport, New London, Connecticut
10-13 Type Training
14-16 Inport, New London, Connecticut
17-20 Submarine Escort Service/TYT
21-23 Inport, New London, Connecticut
24-27 Services to Submarine School
28-30 Inport, New London, Connecticut
31 Services to Submarine School

SEPTEMBER

1-3 Services to Submarine School
4-7 Inport, New London, Connecticut
8-11 Sonar calibration services
12-30 Upkeep, New London, Connecticut

OCTOBER

1-20 Upkeep, New London, Connecticut
21-23 Enroute Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania
24-31 Commenced regular overhaul at Philadelphia, Naval
Shipyard

NOVEMBER

~~1-31~~ Continuing overhaul at Philadelphia, Naval Shipyard

DECEMBER

~~1-31~~ Continuing overhaul at Philadelphia, Naval Shipyard

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BASIC NARRATIVE HISTORY OF USS CORPORAL (SS346)
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1970

USS CORPORAL (SS346), a GUPPY III class submarine homeported at the U. S. Naval Submarine Base, New London, Groton, Connecticut, is a unit of Submarine Division TWENTY-ONE of Submarine Squadron TWO. CORPORAL's Commanding Officer, LCDR James H. SIMPSON, took command on 12 June 1970, having relieved CDR Jean P. SHEETS. At year's end LCDR SIMPSON commanded a crew of 8 officers and 68 enlisted men.

CORPORAL's primary mission is, in time of war, to seek out and destroy enemy submarines, and, during peacetime, to train ship's personnel and maintain equipment to accomplish this mission. Concurrently, the ship provides services for the training of various ASW units.

The year 1970 began with CORPORAL moored in Monaco as a unit of the U. S. SIXTH FLEET. CORPORAL departed Monaco on 3 January and provided ASW services to aircraft and destroyers. After a 3 day port stop in Naples, Italy, CORPORAL conducted an ASW demonstration for the Under Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable John W. WARNER on 13 and 16 January. On 17-18 January CORPORAL participated in Exercise DEEP SIX and proceeded to Naples, Italy for a two-day upkeep. Destroyer ASW services were provided enroute to Iraklion, Crete, which CORPORAL visited on 27-30 January. After providing ASW services to destroyer and aircraft from 31 January to 2 February, CORPORAL, then participated in Exercise NATIONAL WEEK until 5 February, and then transited to Athens, Greece. Following a five day port visit CORPORAL left Athens on 14 February to participate in MEDASWEX and provide ASW services to ASW aircraft. CORPORAL visited Palma, Mallorca, Spain from 19-27 January for crew liberty and relaxation. ~~Prior to completion of deployment and outchep in Rota, Spain on 3 March.~~

CORPORAL completed a 15 day transit of the Atlantic with a welcome home ceremony in New London, Connecticut 18 March and then commenced an upkeep that lasted until 21 July. Major repairs were accomplished to number three generator (damaged by a fire in the casing), number one engine (wiped crankshaft) and number four blower. On 12 June change of command ceremonies were held in New London. LCDR James H. SIMPSON relieved CDR Jean P. SHEETS as Commanding Officer of USS CORPORAL.

With repairs completed, CORPORAL left New London on 21 July for four days of sea trials and type training. The following weeks she provided ASW services to V.P. aircraft. After a weekend in New London, CORPORAL conducted exercises and provided ASW services to aircraft from 3-6 August. Other activities during August were type training and two weeks of services for Officers from Submarine School. From 8-11 September CORPORAL provided sonar calibration services for the USS JACK. In New London 12 September, CORPORAL commenced preparation for a

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regular shipyard overhaul. She departed New London for the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard on 21 October and arrived on 23 October. A regular shipyard overhaul commenced at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard on 26 October.

On 9 November 1970, USS CORPORAL (SS346) celebrated the 25th Anniversary of her commissioning. During 1970 CORPORAL made 241 dives, and traveled nearly 15,200 miles, using 198,000 gallons of fuel oil.

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