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USS CORPORAL (SS 346) ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT TO SHIP'S HISTORY

1. Chronology of Events 1969

January

1-12 Leave and upkeep, New London, Connecticut
13-17 Transit to San Juan, Puerto Rico
18-19 Inport San Juan
20-25 Services to ASW aircraft and destroyers in Caribbean area
26 Inport San Juan
27 Transit to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands
28-29 Inport St. Thomas
30-31 Type training, Caribbean area

February

1-5 Type training, Caribbean area
6 Transit to San Juan, Puerto Rico
7-11 Inport San Juan
12-19 Transit to New London, Connecticut/services
20-23 Inport New London
24 Services to FBM off crews, local area
25-28 Upkeep, New London

March

1-30 Upkeep, New London
31 Transit to Portsmouth, England

April

1-10 Transit to Portsmouth, England
11-14 Inport Portsmouth
15-30 Participant NATO exercise "QUIET SENTINEL"

May

1-6 Participant NATO exercise "QUIET SENTINEL"
7 Transit to Londonderry, Northern Ireland
8-11 Inport Londonderry
12-23 Transit to New London, Connecticut
23-31 Leave and upkeep, New London

June

1-22 Leave and upkeep, New London
23-29 Services to Submarine School, New London, local areas
30 Dependent's cruise

July

1-6 Upkeep, New London
7-26 Advanced ASW exercise

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July

27 Inport, New London

28-31 Services to Submarine School, New London, local areas

August

1-31 Leave upkeep, New London

September

1-15 Upkeep, New London

15-30 Type training, local areas

October

1-6 Type training local areas

7-31 POM

November

1-13 POM

14-25 Enroute Lisbon, Portugal

26-29 Inport Lisbon

30-31 Enroute, Rota, Spain. Commenced Mediterranean deployment as unit of U.S. SIXTH Fleet

December

1-3 Inport, Rota, Spain

4-5 Enroute, Toulon, France/services to ASW aircraft

6-9 Inport Toulon

10-16 Participant U.S./French exercise MEDITERRANEAN

17 Enroute Monaco

18-31 Inport Monaco

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BASIC NARRATIVE HISTORY OF USS CORPORAL (SS 346)
FOR CALANDER YEAR 1969

USS CORPORAL (SS 346), 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 and has the distinction of being Flagship for Rear Admiral Eugene P. WILKINSON, Commander Submarine Flotilla TWO. CORPORAL's Commanding Officer is Commander Jean P. SHEETS. The on board compliment consists of eight officers and 77 enlisted men.

CORPORAL's primary mission is, in time of war, to seek out and destroy enemy submarines. During peacetime, on board training is directed toward ensuring the ship is capable of successfully conducting this mission. Concurrently, services are provided for the training of other Fleet ASW units.

The year 1969 began with CORPORAL in port at New London, preparing for deployment to the Caribbean Sea as a participant in Operation SPRINGBOARD. On 13 January CORPORAL departed New London and transited to San Juan, Puerto Rico, arriving 18 January. Following a two day visit, CORPORAL went to sea and provided services to aircraft and destroyers, returning to San Juan on the 26th. On 27 January, CORPORAL departed San Juan for an overnight transit to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, providing services to ASW aircraft while enroute. After spending two days in St. Thomas, CORPORAL conducted type training exercises for one week and then returned to San Juan for a five day visit. On 12 February, CORPORAL departed the Caribbean area for New London. During the return transit, services were provided to ASW units of the U.S. SECOND Fleet. CORPORAL arrived New London on 20 February.

On 24 February, with Rear Admiral R. D. NACE, Commander Submarine Flotilla TWO embarked, ship handling and navigational training were provided to 12 officers of New London based FBM submarine off-crews. Upon completion of these services, CORPORAL entered an upkeep period which ended 30 March.

On 31 March, CORPORAL departed New London and transited to Portsmouth, England, arriving 11 April for a four day visit. Upon departing Portsmouth, CORPORAL joined other submarines from various NATO countries for operation "QUIET SENTINEL" which continued through 7 May. Upon completion of the exercise, CORPORAL transited to Londonderry, Northern Ireland, for a four day port visit prior to returning to New London.

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Upon returning to New London on 23 May, CORPORAL commenced an upkeep period which lasted until 23 June, at which time services were provided to Submarine School Officers for a one week period. On 30 June, CORPORAL had a dependent's cruise in New London OPAREAS demonstrating submarine diving/surfacing procedures for families and friends. Upon returning to port the upkeep resumed until 7 July in preparation for submarine ASW exercises which were conducted from 7 July to 27 July. During the period 28 July through 1 August, services were again provided to Submarine School Officers.

CORPORAL returned to New London on 1 August and spent five weeks in upkeep including a short dry docking period. On 15 September, CORPORAL began three weeks of type training, returning to New London on 7 October. At this time preparations for a Mediterranean deployment commenced. On 14 November, CORPORAL departed New London for the Mediterranean via a four day port visit in Lisbon, Portugal.

CORPORAL then transited to Rota, Spain arriving 1 December as a unit of the U.S. SIXTH Fleet. CORPORAL remained in Rota until 3 December and then proceeded to Toulon, France providing services to ASW aircraft enroute. Four days were spent at Toulon prior to participating in a bilateral French/U.S. ASW exercise on 10 December. Upon completion of exercise "MEDITERRANEAN", CORPORAL proceeded to Monaco for a port visit during the Holiday season arriving 18 December and remaining through the end of the year. While in Monaco, CORPORAL had the honor of welcoming aboard Prince Albert of the Monaco Royal Family for a visit and tour of the ship.

During 1969, CORPORAL made 210 dives, and traveled nearly 23,000 miles, using 415,000 gallons of diesel fuel oil. It was a busy year for CORPORAL, but once again she did not fail to meet her commitments.

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