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From: Commanding Officer, USS CANOPUS (AS-34)
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Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12

Encl: (1) Photograph of Commanding Officer, USS CANOPUS (AS-34)
(2) Biography of Captain J. M. Davis, U. S. Navy,
Commanding Officer, USS CANOPUS (AS-34)
(3) Copies of the "Helmsman" Ship's Newspaper for 1969
(4) Roster of Officers as of 31 December 1969
(5) Roster of Enlisted Men as of 31 December 1969
(6) Operations Department History, 1969
(7) Weapons Department History, 1969
(8) Personnel data, 1969
(9) Repair Department History, 1969
(10) Supply Department History, 1969
(11) Engineering Department History, 1969
(12) Communications Brief, 1969
(13) Medical and Dental Department Histories, 1969
(14) Change of Command pamphlet

1. Enclosures (1) through (14) are submitted in accordance with reference (a).

2. CANOPUS was under the operational control of Commander Submarine Squadron SIXTEEN, Captain William E. SIMS, from 1 January 1969 until getting underway for CONUS on 20 April 1969. After departing SUBRON 16 and Rota, Spain, CANOPUS came under the operational control of Commander Submarine Flotilla SIX, Rear Admiral John B. OSBORNE through the remainder of 1969.

3. The Commanding Officer, Captain H. J. TRUEBLOOD, served until 20 September 1969 when Captain J. M. DAVIS assumed command at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington. The Executive Officer, Commander W. J. KRAUS, departed CANOPUS on 15 August 1969 and Commander J. H. BROWNLEY assumed this duty on 15 September 1969.

4. CANOPUS accomplished 11 SSBN refits and numerous other vessel upkeeps prior to getting underway for her own overhaul and conversion as described in enclosure (9).


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CURRENT BIOGRAPHY
CAPTAIN J. M. DAVIS

Captain Davis was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, on 14 May 1925. After serving one year as an enlisted member of the U. S. Naval Reserve, Captain Davis entered the U. S. Naval Academy in June, 1944. Upon graduation he served two years in the USS CONE (DD-866) from which he was ordered to attend the Submarine School in New London, Connecticut.

Upon graduation from Submarine School, Captain Davis earned his "DOLPHINS" in the USS SEA CAT (SS-399). This was followed by a tour of duty as Division Engineer to Submarine Division Forty-Two and a tour of duty in USS TRUTTA (SS-421).

From September 1955 to June 1956, Captain Davis attended U. S. Naval Intelligence School in Washington, D. C. He was selected for duty as Assistant Naval Attache and Assistant Naval Attache for Air at the American Embassy in Havana, Cuba. Leaving Havana in 1958, Captain Davis reported as Executive Officer of USS JALLAO (SS-417) in April 1961.

Captain Davis was ordered to school following his command tour; this time as a student in the Armed Forces Staff College from January 1963 to June 1963. During the period July 1963 through September 1965, he was in Norfolk, Virginia, serving as Intelligence Officer for the Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet.

After the tour on Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet Staff, Captain Davis reported to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations where he served a two year tour in the Submarine Warfare Division.

Reporting to Rota, Spain, in June 1967, Captain Davis served as Chief Staff Officer to Commander Submarine Squadron Sixteen.

Captain Davis relieved and assumed command as Commander Submarine Division Eighty-Two on 16 August 1968, and currently is assigned as Commanding Officer USS CANOPUS (AS-34).

Captain Davis and his wife, Katherine, of Hanover, Pennsylvania, have an 18 year old son, John Jr., at Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania, and a five year old daughter, Katherine.

Enclosure (2)