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Encl: (1) Annual Command History for 2000
(2) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet

1. Enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded per reference (a).

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J. K. BURROUGHS

ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2000

1. Command Composition and Organization

- a. Mission: Anti-Submarine Warfare, Anti-Surface Unit Warfare, Strike Warfare, and Special Operations.
- b. Immediate Superior in Command: Commander, Submarine Squadron TWO.
- c. Commanding Officer: CDR J. K. BURROUGHS
- d. Permanent Duty Station: NAVSUBASE NLON, Groton, CT.

2. Chronology

- a. 1 Jan - 21 Jan In port Groton.
- b. 21 Jan - 1 Feb Sea Trials, Prospective Commanding Officer (PCO) operations and local operations.
- c. 1 Feb - 26Apr Upkeep and Training in Groton.
- d. 26 Apr - 15 May PCO operations.
- e. 15 May - 17 May Tactical Readiness Evaluation.
- f. 17 May - 29 May Tactical Development Exercise with the Dutch.
- g. 29 May - 20 Jul Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) upkeep period.
- h. 20 Jul - 8 Aug POM certification.
- i. 8 Aug - 23 Aug In port Groton.
- j. 23 Aug - 30 Aug Transit and port visit Curacao.
- k. 30 Aug - 3 Oct South Atlantic Operations.
- l. 3 Oct- 6 Oct Operational Reactor Safeguard Exam.
- m. 6 Oct - 10 Oct Port visit in Port Everglades Florida.
- n. 10 Oct - 13 Oct Tiger Cruise and transit to Groton.
- o. 13 Oct - 23 Oct Inport Groton.
- p. 23 Oct - 31 Oct Transit and port visit at NSRR, Puerto Rico.
- q. 31 Oct - 18 Nov PCO operations and TRE support in the PROAS.
- r. 18 Nov - 31 Dec Type training, IMA upkeep and holiday shutdown Groton.

3. Command Awards

- a. Kosovo Campaign Medal
- b. NATO Medal
- c. Navy Unit Commendation
- d. Navy Sea Service Deployment Award
- e. Commander Submarine Squadron TWO Tactical "T"
- f. Commander Submarine Squadron TWO Supply "E"
- g. Commander Submarine Squadron TWO Navigation "N"
- h. Captain Edward F. Ney Award "Honorable Mention"

4. Narrative

The year 2000 opened for ALBUQUERQUE conducting local operations in preparation for PCO operations. The spring was spent in port performing emergent nuclear repair work. On 26 April, the ship got underway for a round of PCO operations. Upon completion of PCO ops, and a brief spell of liberty in Puerto Rico, ALBUQUERQUE and her crew completed a Tactical Readiness Evaluation and Torpedo Weapons Proficiency. Returning to port at the end of May, ALBUQUERQUE spent June performing upkeep and giving the crew time off with their families.

In July ALBUQUERQUE conducted a midshipmen cruise and pre-deployment certification. She took to sea on 23 August enroute to Curacao, N.A. in the Caribbean for a port call prior to operations in the South Atlantic. ALBUQUERQUE and her crew performed successfully during operations with Joint Interagency Task Force East from 31 August - 28 September. ALBUQUERQUE then completed an Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination during 3-6 October before arriving in Port Everglades, Florida for a well needed and deserved port visit from 6-10 October. There, she participated in functions and festivities associated with Broward County Navy Days. Prior to departing the area, ALBUQUERQUE hosted a VIP group from her namesake city. Leaving Port Everglades on 10 October, ALBUQUERQUE facilitated a Tiger Cruise for family members of her crew while heading for homeport. She arrived in Groton on 13 October.

In a rushed upkeep from 14-22 October, ALBUQUERQUE again readied herself for sea and departed Groton on October 23 to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico to conduct another round of rigorous PCO operations and TRE support for one of her fellow submarines on the AUTEK range near Bermuda. Upon her return home on 18 November, she and her crew took a short breath before beginning a robust upkeep on 27 November which lasted until the holiday shutdown of 22 December - 8 January 2001.