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From: Commanding Officer, USS BUFFALO (SSN 715)

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Encl: (1) Command History - USS BUFFALO (SSN 715)

1. The command history of USS BUFFALO (SSN 715) for the period of 1 January to 31 December 1988 is submitted as enclosure (1) per reference (a).

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D. P. MILLER

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1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 1988

COMMANDING OFFICER
CDR D. P. MILLER

TYPE COMMANDER: COMMANDER SUBMARINE FORCE, U.S. PACIFIC FLEET
SQUADRON COMMANDER: COMMANDER, SUBMARINE SQUADRON 1

HOMEPORT
PEARL HARBOR, HAWAII

USS BUFFALO (SSN 715) began 1988 with several weeks of local operations. In January BUFFALO had an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination in which a grade of "Above Average" was received.

During February, BUFFALO supported two weeks of Prospective Commanding Officers training operations for 15 selected officers. At the conclusion of this exercise the crew enjoyed a port visit to Lahaina, Maui followed by a dependents cruise back to Pearl Harbor.

In March BUFFALO remained in Pearl Harbor for her first upkeep period of 1988. During this time, the ship completed a Supply Management Inspection with the highest grade given for a Pacific Fleet Fast Attack Submarine during the year. By April BUFFALO had completed her upkeep and was in preparation for a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE). After receiving a grade of "Above Average" on TRE, BUFFALO finished April with various local operations and an Underway Material Inspection.

The ship was underway for the first week of May. Upon return to Pearl Harbor, BUFFALO and Submarine Base Pearl Harbor Intermediate Activity (Subase IMA) made preparations for entering the ship's second Selected Restricted Availability (SRA). By late May, BUFFALO was drydocked beginning a three month dedicated maintenance period. Several major repairs, alterations, and preventive maintenance items were conducted. Sea trials were uneventful, after which the ship received a new submarine storage battery.

Upon completion of SRA in August, BUFFALO began Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) in preparation for BUFFALO's upcoming deployment. In late September, BUFFALO completed this phase and loaded out for deployment.

On 1 October 1988, BUFFALO was awarded her second consecutive Battle Efficiency "E" and first award of the Supply Efficiency "E" and Anti-submarine Warfare "A" for fiscal year 1988.

In mid October BUFFALO deployed from Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for the ship's third Western Pacific deployment. The remainder of 1988 was spent conducting Western Pacific operations under the operational control of Commander, Submarine Group SEVEN.

Enclosure (1)