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From: Commanding Officer, USS BUFFALO (SSN-715)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH)

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

1. Reference (a) was sent in error as discussed during reference (b).
2. The command history of USS BUFFALO (SSN-715) for the period of 1 January to 31 December 1991 is submitted as enclosure (1) per reference (c).

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I. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Commanding Officer - Commander Hugh D. Nelson, USN
Immediate Superior in Command (ISIC) - Commander, Submarine Squadron 7
Type Commander (TYCOM)- Commander, Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet
Homeport- Naval Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor Hawaii
Primary Mission - Anti-Submarine Warfare

Ship's Complement: 13 Officers
14 Chief Petty Officers
120 Enlisted Men

II. CHRONOLOGY

3 JAN	FAST CRUISE
4 JAN	WEAPONS LOAD
7 JAN	WEAPONS LOAD
9-10 JAN	SAFETY STAND DOWN
6 FEB	FAST CRUISE
7 FEB	WEAPONS LOAD
8-16 FEB	SEA TRIALS
16 FEB-22 MAR	PRE-DEPOT MODERNIZATION PERIOD (DMP) UPKEEP IN BANGOR WASHINGTON
14 MAR	CMS INSPECTION
22-23 MAR	EASTPAC OPERATIONS
23-25 MAR	LIBERTY PORT CALL ESQUIMALT, CANADA
25 MAR- 1 APR	EASTPAC OPERATIONS
4-8 APR	LOCAL OPERATIONS
9-19 APR	UPKEEP AND SHIPYARD TECHNICAL AVAILABILITY
18 APR	AWARDS CEREMONY
18 APR	CAPTAIN EDWARD F. NEY AWARD INSPECTION
2 MAY	DRY DOCKED, START OF DEPOT MODERNIZATION PERIOD
2 MAY	SHIFT FROM SUBMARINE SQUADRON 1 TO SQUADRON 7
3 MAY	ENLISTED SUBMARINE BIRTHDAY BALL
4 MAY	OFFICER SUBMARINE BIRTHDAY BALL
1 AUG	COMMAND INSPECTION
12 DEC	SHIP'S FORCE CHRISTMAS PARTY
13 DEC	EXECUTIVE OFFICER RELIEF
21 DEC	CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
20-30 DEC	CHRISTMAS STAND DOWN

III. NARRATIVE

● USS BUFFALO (SSN-715) started the year clearing A-6 Pre-Depot Modernization Period (DMP) inspection discrepancies.

● BUFFALO departed her home port of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on February 8, 1991, for Sea Trials and her transit to the Eastern Pacific Ocean.

● BUFFALO'S first port of call was to Bangor, Washington on February 16, where she completed an A-3 upkeep prior to DMP.

Encl (1)

- On March 22, 1991, BUFFALO proceeded to Esquimalt, Canada for a short liberty port call.
- BUFFALO transited on March 25, 1991, back to the Eastern Pacific Ocean for the return trip to Pearl Harbor, arriving on April 1, 1991.
- BUFFALO conducted local operations during the week of April 4, 1991.
- From April 9 through April 19, 1991 BUFFALO conducted upkeep, including preventive maintenance and testing required prior to the start of DMP.
- On April 18, 1991, BUFFALO was inspected for the Captain Edward F. Ney Award and subsequently represented the Pacific Fleet in this award competition.
- BUFFALO pulled into Drydock #1, Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard on May 2, 1991, where she began DMP. On this day BUFFALO changed her Immediate Superior in Command from Submarine Squadron 1 to Submarine Squadron 7.
- On December 13, 1991, LCDR Lawrence F. Galvin relieved LCDR Benjamin E. Richter as Executive Officer.
- From December 20 through December 30, 1991, BUFFALO observed Christmas stand down.
- During the course of 1991, BUFFALO held many ships parties. The best of the year by far were the Christmas parties for both the crew and the crews' families.
- BUFFALO enjoyed outstanding participation in flag football, basketball, and 2 softball teams.

IV. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

BIOGRAPHY OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Commander Hugh D. Nelson relieved as Commanding Officer of USS BUFFALO on November 28, 1989. CDR Nelson is married to Brenda Prowse of Bainbridge Island, Washington, and is a native of Peoria, Illinois. CDR Nelson was commissioned in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the United States Naval Academy. In 1974, he received a Master of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. His previous tours include Damage Control Assistant aboard USS PATRICK HENRY (SSBN-599) (BLUE) and (GOLD): Plant Performance Evaluation Officer at the S3G Prototype at West Milton, New York; Engineer Officer aboard USS PINTADO (SSN-672); and Executive Officer aboard USS HENRY M. JACKSON (SSBN-730) (BLUE).