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USS BUFFALO (SSN 715)

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

1. The command history of USS BUFFALO (SSN-715) for the period of 1 January to 31 December 1993 is submitted as enclosure (1) per reference (a).

  
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## I. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Commanding Officer - Commander Robert S. Brown  
Immediate Superior in Command - Commander, Submarine Squadron 1  
Type Commander - Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet  
Homeport - Naval Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii  
Primary Mission - Anti-Submarine Warfare

Ship's Complement:    13 Officers  
                          15 Chief Petty Officers  
                         124 Enlisted Men

## II. CHRONOLOGY

5 JAN	Change of Command
11 JAN - 29 JAN	Sea Trials / At Sea Training
27 JAN	Finished Depot Modernization Period
29 JAN - 9 MAR	Shipyard rework period
10 MAR - 19 MAR	Underway Material Inspection, Weapons Systems Acceptance Test
1 APR	Transferred from Squadron 7 to Squadron 1
31 MAR - 30 APR	Eastern Pacific Deployment. Participated in MARCOT 1-93 and completed sound trials.
1 MAY - 10 JUN	Intermediate Maintenance Activity Upkeep
28 JUN - 12 JUL	Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination Workup
13-14 JUL	Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination
20 JUL - 5 AUG	Tactical Weapons Certification and Workup
6 AUG - 24 SEP	IMA Upkeep
25 SEP - 12 NOV	Eastern Pacific Deployment: Battle Group workup
25 NOV - 16 DEC	Eastern Pacific Deployment: Battle Group workup
16 DEC - 31 DEC	Christmas stand down

## III. NARRATIVE

In 1993, the USS BUFFALO completed a challenging training / recertification schedule after a long shipyard period. The crew responded extremely well on their first Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination and Tactical Weapons Certification. In the Fall, BUFFALO completed two fast paced Eastern Pacific deployments in support of battle group operations. The fast pace continued during Christmas stand down as the crew completed preparations and training for POM workup and certification.

#### IV. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

##### BIOGRAPHY OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER

A native of Orange, Connecticut, Commander Brown graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1974 with a degree in Marine Engineering. He then received nuclear power training at the Nuclear Power School in Bainbridge, Maryland and the S1C prototype in Windsor, Connecticut. His first assignment was to the USS BILLFISH (SSN 676) where he served as a division officer in the Engineering and Weapons Departments. During this assignment the ship deployed to the Mediterranean Sea and participated in Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee. A second tour was served aboard the USS SCAMP (SSN 588) in the Engineering Department.

Following graduation from the Submarine Officer's Advanced Course in 1984, Commander Brown reported aboard the USS SKIPJACK (SSN 585) as the Operations and Navigation Officer for a tour that included Mediterranean Sea and UNITAS deployments.

Upon completion of Prospective Commanding Officer training he relieved as Commanding Officer of the USS GUITARRO (SSN 665) in April 1991 and completed a major deployment prior to GUITARRO's deactivation availability and decommissioning in May 1992.

Commander Brown is entitled to wear the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Commander Brown is married to the former JoAnn Galat of Bristol, Connecticut.