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From: Commanding Officer, USS BOISE (SSN 764)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy Yard
Subj: FORWARDING OF COMMAND HISTORY
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1. This command history is for the period of 1 January to 31 December 1998 and is submitted per reference (a).

2. COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION.

a. During 1998, USS BOISE completed a North Atlantic/Mediterranean deployment, and both independent and battlegroup operations in the East Coast submarine operating areas. BOISE exercised numerous submarine roles during the deployment and local operations, including anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, strike warfare, special warfare, intelligence and warning, coordinated operations, and forward presence.

b. USS BOISE is administratively responsible to Commander, Submarine Squadron EIGHT, Norfolk, Virginia; Commander, Submarine Group TWO, Groton, Connecticut; and Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

c. CDR Steven H. Ross was the Commanding Officer of the USS BOISE until 24 July when he was relieved by CDR David L. Leach. The Executive Officer was LCDR Charles Melcher. The department heads were as follows: Engineer - LCDR Paul Spear (relieved 30 Oct by LCDR Steve Bohn); Supply Officer - LCDR Luis Molina (relieved 16 July by ENS Michael Caimona); Combat Systems Officer - LT Joseph Worthington; and Navigator - LT David Hudson.

3. CHRONOLOGY.

5 - 8 Jan - Port visit Coulport, UK

14 Jan - Chop to COMSIXTHFLT in the Mediterranean

15 - 19 Jan - Port visit Gibraltar, UK

21 - 24 Feb - Port visit Toulon, FR

28 Jan - 12 Feb - Upkeep La Maddalena, IT

17 - 18 Feb - Participated (as Launch Area Coordinator) in Exercise Caesar Sword '98

23 - 24 Feb - Participated in TACDEVEX '98

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19 - 26 Feb - Participated in Exercise DOGFISH '98
2 Mar - Outchop from Mediterranean
3 Mar - 28 Apr - North Atlantic Operations
30 Apr - 4 May - Port visit Haakensvern, Norway
22 Jun - 22 Jul - Upkeep Norfolk, VA
24 Jul - Change of Command. CDR Leach relieved CDR Ross.
29 - 31 Jul - Midshipmen training
3 - 14 Aug - Midshipmen training
24 - 28 Aug - Underway for local operations
11 Sep - Port visit Port Everglades, FL
14 Sep - City of Boise V.I.P. Cruise
29 - 30 Sep - Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination
1 Oct - 6 Nov - Upkeep Norfolk, VA
12 Nov - 18 Dec - COMPTUEX

4. NARRATIVE.

a. USS BOISE's 1998 Mediterranean/Atlantic deployment was very successful and significant for several reasons. It was the first test of the Navy's six-month nonsupported submarine deployment concept. USS BOISE's crew maintained the ship in excellent material condition without the benefit of outside intermediate level maintenance support. Secondly, during the pre-overseas movement (POM) phase, USS BOISE was not tasked and had not specifically prepared for Mediterranean operations. USS BOISE's short-notice tasking to the Mediterranean in no way limited her contributions to the exercises in which she participated.

b. Following deployment, USS BOISE conducted various local operations. USS BOISE was assigned to the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT battle group in November 1998 in preparation for a 1999 Mediterranean/Arabian Gulf deployment.

c. USS BOISE has 14 officers and 121 enlisted personnel assigned.


D. L. LEACH