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From: Commanding Officer, USS CHICAGO (SSN 721)
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Subj: 1991 COMMAND HISTORY (OPNAV REPORT 5750-1)

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Encl: (1) Welcome Aboard Brochure

1. Command Composition and Organization.

USS CHICAGO is a 688 class fast attack nuclear-powered submarine whose primary mission is anti-submarine warfare (ASW). Secondary missions include anti-surface ship warfare (ASUW) and strike warfare. USS CHICAGO is capable of carrying MK 48 and MK 48 ADCAP torpedoes, Harpoon anti-ship missiles, and all variants of the Tomahawk cruise missile. The ship is configured with the Vertical Launch System and is capable of loading twelve Tomahawk missiles in the vertical tubes located in the ship's forward main ballast tanks.

Command organization:

Commanding Officer -	CDR Glenn H. Ward, USN
Executive Officer -	LCDR William G. Timme, USN
Command Master Chief -	STSCM(SS) William A. Smith

Department Heads:

Navigator -	LCDR Walter E. Luthiger, USN
Engineer -	LCDR Michael J. Kriz, USN
Weapons Officer -	LT Ward E. Stevens, USN
Supply Officer -	LT Peter G. Stamatopoulos, USN

The Immediate Superior in the chain of command is Commander Submarine Squadron 11, CAPT John B. Padgett III, USN.

2. Chronology.

1 - 3 January	WESTPAC OPS
4 January	Port Visit - Yokuska, Japan
5 - 8 January	Transit to Guam
9 - 25 January	IMA Upkeep - Guam
26 January - 12 March	Operation Desert Storm
13 - 18 March	Port Visit - Perth Australia
19 March - 2 April	Transit to San Diego, CA
3 April - 2 May	Inport - San Diego, CA

3 - 6 May	Local Ops - SOCAL
7 May - 5 June	IMA Upkeep - San Diego, CA
6 - 20 June	Local Ops - SOCAL
21 - 24 June	Inport - San Diego, CA
25 - 28 June	Local Ops - SOCAL
29 June - 14 July	Battery Replacement - San Diego
15 July - 29 August	Selected Restricted Availability (SRA) in drydock
29 August - 11 September	Selected Restricted Availability Waterborne.
12 - 13 September	Post SRA Sea Trials
14 - 22 September	Inport - San Diego, CA
23 - 25 September	Local Ops - SOCAL
26 September	Dependent's Cruise
27 September	VIP Cruise
28 - 30 September	Inport, San Diego, CA
1 - 9 October	Local Ops - SOCAL
10 - 11 October	Transit to San Francisco, CA
12 - 17 October	Fleet Week - San Francisco, CA
18 - 20 October	Transit to San Diego, CA
21 - 28 October	Inport - San Diego, CA
29 October - 1 November	Local Ops - SOCAL
2 - 3 November	Inport - San Diego, CA
4 - 21 November	IMA Upkeep - San Diego, CA
22 - 24 November	Inport - San Diego, CA
25 - 27 November	Sea Trials/Local Ops - SOCAL
28 November - 1 December	Inport - San Diego, CA
2 - 5 December	Local Ops - SOCAL
6 - 31 December	Inport - San Diego, CA

3. Narrative.

USS CHICAGO began 1991 on deployment to the Western Pacific. The ship conducted a four-hour port visit in Yokuska, Japan on 4 January, then transited to Guam for a scheduled three-week upkeep period. The upkeep was cut short by the start of the Gulf War. USS CHICAGO was directed to conduct a short-notice deployment to the Red Sea. The ship departed Guam on 26 January and conducted a high speed transit to the Red Sea, entering the combat zone on 3 February. USS CHICAGO operated for 32 days in the Southwest Asia war zone providing Tomahawk missile coverage. The ship then transited to Perth, Australia for a port visit, arriving on 13 March.

The Australians were excellent hosts during the five-day port visit and the officers and crew participated in several social functions. The ship left Australia on 18 March, conducted a high-speed transit back to San Diego, California arriving on 2 April 1991.

After a four-week standown period, the ship went to sea for three days in early May. Upon return to port, the ship completed a four-week upkeep period supported by USS DIXON (AS-37). USS CHICAGO then operated in the local Southern California Operating Areas for most of the month of June. The ship was later cited by Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet for conducting one of the top midshipman training programs during the summer of 1991.

In July the ship completed a battery replacement and began a nine-week Selected Restricted Availability (SRA). The ship completed the repair period and conducted sea trials in mid-September.

In late September after several days of local operations, the ship conducted two Dependent's Cruises on 26 September and a VIP Cruise for the "721 Club" on 27 September. The "721 Club" is a "host city" group of Chicago businessmen who have supported the ship's crew since commissioning.

After a week of local services in SOCAL in early October, the ship participated in the annual San Francisco Fleet Week and returned to San Diego on 20 October.

After another short at-sea period at the end of October the ship began another four-week upkeep supported by the USS MCKEE (AS-41). The ship completed the last two at-sea periods of the year with several days of local operations in late November and early December. The remainder of the year was spent in port San Diego with a holiday/standown period commencing on 20 December.

4. Supporting Documentation.

(1) Navigation
Total miles steamed: 37,890
Days Underway (OPTEMPO Days): 119
Days out of Homeport (PERSTEMPO Days): 133

(2) Port Visits
Yokosuka, Japan
Guam
Perth, Western Australia
Alameda, California

(3) Personnel Retention: CHICAGO reenlisted 39 crewmembers in 1991. USS CHICAGO attained the highest retention rate among all submarines in the Pacific Fleet (88%) and was awarded the CINCPACFLT Golden Anchor Award for the second consecutive year.

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(4) Awards:

(a) USS CHICAGO was awarded a Navy Unit Commendation for the ship's first Western Pacific Deployment in 1989.

(b) In the Pacific Fleet Submarine Battle Efficiency competition, USS CHICAGO was awarded the following:

1. Battle Efficiency "E" (second consecutive)
2. Engineering Red "E" (second consecutive)

(c) CINPACFLT Golden Anchor Award (second consecutive)

GHWard

G. H. WARD

We arrived in Guam on the 6th of July and conducted a small boat transfer to bring the Commanding Officer of the USS Holland aboard to observe one of our officers for completion of submarine qualifications. We returned to Guam early on the 7th of July for an 18 day inport period.

The ship left Guam on the 25th of July for operations in the Western Pacific. On 1 September the ship arrived in Yokosuka, Japan for a 13 day port call. We departed Yokosuka on the 14th of September to transit to Guam while conducting independent steaming operations. We arrived in Guam on the 26th of September for a two day stop over.

Having completed our Western Pacific Deployment, the ship commenced a transit to Pearl Harbor Hawaii on the 28th of September and arrived on the 5th of October after crossing the international date line. The crew enjoyed a fantastic 5 day port visit in Hawaii, topped off by a visit to the ship by Commander Submarine Force Pacific Fleet, RADM McKinney. On the 10th of October the ship commenced the final 2400 mile leg of a 40,000 mile Western Pacific deployment.

On the 16th of October the ship arrived in San Diego to the cheers of family members and the playing of the band on the pier. The ship commenced a stand down period while preparing for a Change of Command and a VIP Cruise for the 721 Club, a Chicago Illinois based USS CHICAGO support group. On the 6th of November the ship conducted two VIP cruises for 721 Club members. On the 9th of November, Commander Glen H. Ward was relieved as Commanding Officer USS CHICAGO by Commander Stephen E. Johnson.

After six more days inport, the ship got underway on the 16th of November to participate in COMTUEX 93-2T. COMTUEX 93-2T was a shallow water ASW exercise in which the USS CHICAGO simulated a diesel submarine. COMTUEX included several torpedo exercises and scenarios of increasing complexity. On the 19th of November the ship commenced a transit to Bangor Washington.

The ship arrived in Bangor on Sunday the 22nd of November. Departing Bangor on the 23rd of November, the ship conducted a twelve hour surface transit to Nanoose Canada where the ship was the first submarine to berth at the newly built Ranch Point pier. The ship was underway at first light to conduct operations on the Nanoose range. On completion of operations on the range, the ship transited to Esquimalt Canada for a port call over the long Thanksgiving weekend.

With parting farewells to our host ship HMCS MacKenzie, the ship departed Canada, and then transited to home port in San Diego California.

The ship returned to San Diego on the 3rd of December to commence an inport period and stand down for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

4. Supporting Documentation.

(1) Navigation
Total miles steamed: 50,679 NM
Days Underway (OPTEMPO Days): 167
Days out of Homeport (PERSTEMPO Days): 183

(2) Port Visits
Brisbane, Australia
Townsville, Australia
Yokosuka, Japan
Sasebo, Japan
Chinhae, ROK
Guam
Pearl Harbor
Bangor Washington
Nanoose, Canada
Esquimalt, Canada

(3) Personnel Retention: CHICAGO reenlisted 14 crewmembers in 1992. USS CHICAGO was awarded the CINCPACFLT Silver Anchor Award for 1992.

(4) Awards:

(a) In the Pacific Fleet Submarine Battle Efficiency competition, USS CHICAGO was awarded the Tactical "T" for "Superior performance in Combat Systems and Tactical Systems and Operations".

(b) CINPACFLT Silver Anchor Award in recognition of the ship's outstanding personnel support programs.

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