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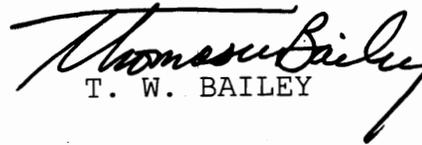
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Encl: (1) Command History (U)  
(2) Biography and Photographs of the Commanding Officer  
(3) 3.5" floppy disk

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COMMAND HISTORY

I. (U) Command Composition and Organization

USS CHARLOTTE (SSN 766), under the command of Commander Thomas W. Bailey, is assigned to Submarine Squadron One. Its primary missions are hunting down and destroying enemy submarines and surface ships, and conducting tactical missile strikes against shore targets.

26JAN02 Inport - Continuing POM Two Upkeep, Y-3A  
26JAN02 Underway - Berth Shift, W-4 for Weapons Onload  
30JAN02 Underway - Berth Shift, Y-3A  
31JAN02 Underway CODT  
01FEB02 Inport - Pearl Harbor, Y-3A  
09FEB02 Underway CODT  
15FEB02 Inport - Pearl Harbor, Y-3A  
16FEB02 Pre-Overseas Movement Certification, Commander Submarine Squadron One, R.L. SNEAD embarking.  
25FEB02 Inport Pearl Harbor, Commander Submarine Squadron One departing.  
01MAR02 Underway Pre-Overseas Movement Re-Certification  
06MAR02 Inport Ford Island, F-12  
06MAR02 Underway - ENR Yokosuka, JA  
14MAR02 Inport Yokosuka, JA  
18MAR02 Underway for Operations  
12APR02 Inport Yokosuka, JA  
22APR02 Underway for Operations  
19MAY02 Commenced TUSW Exercise with the KITTY HAWK BATTLE GROUP  
23MAY02 Completed TUSW Exercise  
26MAY02 Inport Guam for upkeep supported by USS FRANK CABLE  
31MAY02 Underway for transit to HONG KONG  
05JUN02 Moored alongside USS FRANK CABLE, HONG KONG for Quality of Life Port Visit  
11JUN02 Underway for SINGAPORE  
17JUN02 Inport SINGAPORE for Quality of Life Port Visit  
22JUN02 Underway for Operations  
21JUL02 Inport Yokosuka, JA for upkeep supported by USS FRANK CABLE  
25JUL02 Underway for Operations  
23AUG02 Inport Yokosuka, JA  
29AUG02 Underway for transit to PEARL HARBOR  
05SEP02 BSP - NPEB Embarked  
06SEP02 Inport Pearl Harbor. Commence Post-Deployment Stand Down  
07OCT02 Conclude Post-Deployment Stand Down. Underway for Pre-Availability Tests.  
09OCT02 Inport B-12 for SRA Dry Dock Preparations  
17OCT02 Underway Berth Shift Dry Dock 2  
Inport Dry Dock 2. Commence CNO Selected Restricted Availability  
18DEC02 Commence Holiday Leave Period.

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January 2002 found CHARLOTTE in the midst of her Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) Two Upkeep period, the last chance for the Crew to prepare their submarine for her upcoming Western Pacific Deployment.

CHARLOTTE completed POM Two, and in late January moved to West Loch (W-4) to on load weapons for the deployment. After a smooth two-day weapons load, CHARLOTTE readied for the last hurdle in her Inter-Deployment Training Cycle (IDTC): Pre-Overseas Movement Certification (POMCERT).

The Pre-Overseas Movement Certification is the last in a long line of assessments required to certify a submarine to deploy. In addition to open ocean navigation, shallow water operations, and Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR), CHARLOTTE successfully conducted a simulated Search and Rescue operation for a downed American Plane Crew. CHARLOTTE completed her Pre-Overseas Movement Certifications and moored at F-12 on Ford Island to accomplish a final stores load and receive repair parts. The Officers and Men got to say a last goodbye to their loved ones over lunch. With the stores and repair parts pick-up complete, CHARLOTTE departed March 6, 2002 for a six month Western Pacific Deployment.

Yokosuka, Japan was the first stop of what proved to be a challenging and rewarding deployment to Seventh Fleet. In addition to four operations vital to National Security, CHARLOTTE took advantage of the opportunity to participate in a Theatre Undersea Warfare (TUSW) Exercise with the KITTY HAWK BATTLE GROUP. The TUSW Exercise was a great success. For two days, CHARLOTTE augmented her sound signature, raised multiple masts and antennas at periscope depth, snorkeled, and even surfaced at pre-designated waypoints, all with the goal of improving the Battle Group's ability to detect and prosecute enemy submarines. On the third day of the exercise, CHARLOTTE "took off the gloves," and was given free reign to simulate her approach and attack tactics on the Battle Group. Appreciating the opportunity to sharpen Anti-Surface Warfare skills, CHARLOTTE took full advantage, scoring torpedo "hits" on all the members of the KITTY HAWK BATTLE GROUP. Commander Thomas Bailey, the Commanding Officer, graciously delivered pictures of each ship "in the crosshairs" to the Battle Group, along with an extensive data package.

In early June, the Officers and Crew of the USS CHARLOTTE arrived in Hong Kong for their first Quality of Life port visit. Tied up alongside the USS FRANK CABLE, CHARLOTTE sailors enjoyed

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some of the best liberty in the Far East. The visit coincided with the 2002 World Cup, and most sailors watched matches in local restaurants and pubs. The CHARLOTTE Recreation Committee subsidized numerous tours and trips during the six-day stay. From Hong Kong, CHARLOTTE got lucky and transited directly to Singapore for a second Quality of Life Port Visit.

After the bustling night-life of Hong Kong, Singapore offered the Officers and Crew a more subdued chance to savor one of the most beautiful ports in the Western Pacific. CHARLOTTE sailors found that Singapore deserves her reputation as a clean city with polite citizens.

The USS CHARLOTTE (SSN 766) went on to complete the business end of her deployment without blemish, completing four highly successful missions vital to national security. The missions took place in treacherously congested shallow water high contact density environments. These missions were considered some of the most challenging missions performed by the U.S. submarine force. The first submarine in over eighteen months to get underway on time, every time, CHARLOTTE established a standard of preventive and corrective maintenance and upkeep planning that earned accolades from the Commander, SUBMARINE GROUP SEVEN. Of note, CHARLOTTE sailors upheld the reputation of the United States Navy, and Submarine Force in particular, suffering no liberty incidents. The USS CHARLOTTE (SSN 766) established herself as the most reliable deployed submarine in recent memory, with the best technicians, and the most tactically proficient crew. The Officers and Crew began the transit back to Pearl Harbor, HI knowing their performance directly impacted the readiness of the United States Military and the quality of our national defense.

On the morning of September 5, 2002, CHARLOTTE embarked the Nuclear Propulsion Examination Board (NPEB) for her Operational Reactor Safegaurds Examination (ORSE). The ORSE is a comprehensive review of all aspects of operation and training in the nuclear propulsion plant. The proper capstone to an amazingly rewarding deployment, CHARLOTTE earned the highest evaluation possible.

CHARLOTTE returned to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in early September. Six months after leaving loved ones on the pier, CHARLOTTE returned to her families to celebrate a safe return. The well deserved 30-day Post Deployment Stand Down commenced on September 6, 2002.

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Early October found CHARLOTTE ready to tackle a different obstacle. Post Deployment Stand Down completed, CHARLOTTE conducted a short underway to accomplish pre-Availability Testing and offload her weapons in preparation for a four-month maintenance period. In mid-October, CHARLOTTE entered Dry Dock Two in the Pearl Harbor Naval Ship Yard, and began the daunting task of performing battery replacement, dual media discharge and a Selected Restricted Availability back to back.

2002 began and ended with the USS CHARLOTTE (SSN 766) Officers and Crew repairing and upgrading their ship in maintenance availabilities. In between, CHARLOTTE excelled in every task assigned, and performed admirably on her deployment.

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