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From: Commanding Officer, USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709)
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Subj: ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1998

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F

Encl: (1) Command History for 1998
(2) Commanding Officer biography
(3) Commanding Officer photograph
(4) Meritorious Unit Commendation citation
(5) Ship's "Welcome Aboard" pamphlet
(6) Ship's photograph
(7) 3.5" disk with Command History (MS Word 6.0 format)

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (7) are submitted.

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25 MAR - 27 MAR	ORSE / TRANSIT TO NORFOLK
27 MAR - 26 MAY	DEPLOYMENT STANDDOWN / UPKEEP NORFOLK
26 MAY - 17 JUN	UNDERWAY CHASOAS/JAXOAS ASW OPS
17 JUN - 22 JUN	INPORT FT LAUDERDALE
22 JUN - 25 JUN	TRANSIT TO NORFOLK
25 JUN - 13 JUL	INPORT NORFOLK
13 JUL - 17 JUL	MIDSHIPMEN OPS IN VCOAS
18 JUL	DEPENDENTS CRUISE VCOAS
18 JUL - 27 JUL	INPORT NORFOLK (MINI SPRUCE)
27 JUL - 31 JUL	MIDSHIPMEN OPS IN VCOAS
01 AUG - 14 SEP	UPKEEP NORFOLK
14 SEP - 18 SEP	SEA TRIALS VCOAS
18 SEP - 23 SEP	INPORT NORFOLK
23 SEP - 28 SEP	ANCHORED ANNAPOLIS (ACADEMY VISIT)
28 SEP - 05 OCT	LWAD TESTING CPOAS
05 OCT - 13 OCT	INPORT NORFOLK
13 OCT - 30 OCT	AUTEC (TRE)
30 OCT - 03 NOV	INPORT ROOSEVELT ROADS, PUERTO RICO
03 NOV - 07 NOV	PCO OPS AFWTF
07 NOV - 09 NOV	INPORT ROOSEVELT ROADS, PUERTO RICO
09 NOV - 13 NOV	PCO OPS AFWTF
13 NOV - 20 NOV	EER OPS/ ENROUTE NORFOLK
20 NOV	BSP TRE TEAM NORFOLK
20 NOV - 23 NOV	TRE VCOAS

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23 NOV - 15 DEC INPORT NORFOLK
15 DEC - 18 DEC ASW SVCS VCOAS

b. Port Visits:

19 JAN - 23 JAN PORT VISIT, TROMSO, NORWAY
09 MAR - 16 MAR PORT VISIT, BREST, FRANCE
17 JUN - 22 JUN PORT VISIT, FT LAUDERDALE, FL.
23 SEP - 28 SEP PORT VISIT, ANNAPOLIS MD.
30 OCT - 03 NOV PORT VISIT, ROOS. ROADS, PUERTO RICO
07 NOV - 09 NOV PORT VISIT, ROOS. ROADS, PUERTO RICO

3. Narrative.

The ship conducted a highly successful Northern Atlantic deployment from January through March of 1998. For this deployment the ship received its third Meritorious Unit Commendation. The crew enjoyed a brief port visit in Tromso, Norway mid-way through the deployment. Following the deployment, the crew enjoyed some well deserved liberty in Brest, France. Upon departing France on 16 March, the ship transited to New London, embarked a team from the Nuclear Propulsion Examination Board on 25 March and successfully completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination enroute to Norfolk, VA.

After two weeks of stand-down, the ship began a dedicated maintenance upkeep which lasted until 26 May. In early June, RICKOVER completed sea trials and transited to the Charleston and Jacksonville Operating Areas for three weeks of ASW Operations. The crew then enjoyed a 5 day port visit in Fort Lauderdale interacting with the Navy League. RICKOVER transited back to Norfolk and spent the first two weeks of June involved in training and maintenance.

During the month of July the RICKOVER completed a mini-Spruce, and two weeks of Midshipmen Operations. These two weeks of Midshipmen Operations provided an excellent opportunity for RICKOVER's crew to show the Navy's future leaders the extensive capabilities of America's finest front line attack submarine.

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The ship conducted an upkeep during the month of August and part of September. After the upkeep the ship transited to and anchored off of Annapolis, Maryland for Open House to the Naval Academy. During this 5 day visit, the crew attended daily functions with the Naval Academy midshipmen to provide information and set proud examples of the Submarine Force. Additionally, the ship was opened to general touring for students and hosted over 700 guests during the weekend. The visit was highly successful and made a significant contribution to the recruiting of future submarine officers.

The RICKOVER conducted CNO Project Testing in early October in the local operating areas. In the middle of October the ship transited to Autec and successfully conducted its MK48 Torpedo Proficiency. The ship then transited to the Puerto Rico Operating Areas where it spent the first two weeks of November conducting Prospective Commanding Officer (PCO) Operations. Again the RICKOVER and crew performed flawlessly, providing invaluable training to our future submarine force commanders. During PCO Operations the ship had the opportunity to visit Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico on two occasions.

On 13 November, the ship left the PROAs and transited to Norfolk to BSP the Tactical Readiness Examination (TRE) Team. The ship conducted a TRE in the VCOAs and received a well deserved overall grade of Above Average. Prior to the RICKOVER going into the holiday standdown period the ship conducted ASW Operations in the local operating areas.

For the ship's sustained superior performance, USS HYMAN G RICKOVER was awarded the COMSUBRON EIGHT Communications, Deck, Tactical, and Supply "E" Awards and the Atlantic Fleet Silver Anchor Award for 1998.

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-1000

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the
MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to

USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709)

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For meritorious service during assigned missions from 1 December 1997 to 31 March 1998. The personnel of USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) conducted independent submarine operations of major significance to the national defense of the United States. Demonstrating exceptional teamwork, technical knowledge, and tenacity, they expertly conducted near bottom, shallow water operations under conditions akin of combat. The outstanding tactical prowess displayed during these operations and innovative responses to material casualties and unforeseen events were extraordinary. The crew fully exploited a multi-million dollar, one-of-a-kind system generating vital information which will contribute substantially to the security of the Nation. Their superior performance in all other missions and inspections adjunct to this operation attests to the outstanding technical ability and team spirit of the entire crew. By their truly distinctive achievements, extensive enthusiasm, and unfailing devotion to duty, the officers and enlisted personnel of the USS HYMAN G. RICKOVER (SSN 709) reflected credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

Richard Danzy
Secretary of the Navy