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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

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Encl: (1) Command History for USS ALABAMA (SSBN731), December 1984 - March 1986

1. Enclosure (1) is submitted as required by reference (a).


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COMMAND HISTORY (1985)

Location: General Dynamics, Electric Boat Division, Groton, CT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
14 Oct 80	Keel Laid
19 May 84	Launched
28 Dec 84	Completed Pre-Dock Trials
29 Dec 84	Completed Dock Trials
29 Jan 85	Commenced Dock Trials
30 Jan 85	Completed Dock Trials
12-14 Feb 85	Conducted ALFA Sea Trials
16 Feb-5 Mar 85	Conducted BRAVO Sea Trials
25-31 Mar 85	Conducted CHARLIE Sea Trials
16-17 Apr 85	Conducted INSURV Sea Trials
23 Apr 85	Delivered to U.S. Navy (68 days early)
29 Apr-8 May 85	Conducted Independent Ship's Exercise (ISE)
13-17 May 85	Conducted ISE
* 25 May 85	Commissioning (See Enclosure (1))
28 May-9 Jun 85	Underway in transit to Cape Canaveral, Florida for Demonstration and Shakedown Operations (DASO)
11-12 Jun 85	Underway conducting ISE
13-25 Jun 85	Inport conducting DASO 1 exercises and DASO Missile On-Load and In-Port Training Exercise (IPTE-I)
26-27 Jun 85	Underway conducting At-Sea Training Exercise (ASTE-1)
28 Jun 85	Conducted Daily Operations
30 Jun-1 Jul 85	Underway conducting DASO Operations ASTE-2 & 3
3-4 Jul 85	Underway conducting DASO Operations ASTE-4 & 5
5-6 Jul 85	Underway conducting DASO Operations at 2041Q Launch Missile (DASO) from Missile Tube 22 (ASTE-4 & 5)
11-13 Jul 85	Underway conducting ISE
13-19 Jul 85	Underway preparations for Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE). (18-19 July conducted ORSE)
22 Jul 85	Exchange of Command, Gold Crew received, Port Canaveral, Florida

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
23-24 Jul 85	Conducted Fast Cruise
25-26 Jul 85	Underway conducting ISE. Returned to port due to having to make repairs on the Diesel/Generator.
30 Jul-1 Aug 85	Underway conducting ISE
5-9 Aug 85	Underway conducting ISE/Command and Control Exercise/Navigation Operations Exercise (NAVOP/CACEX).
10-15 Aug 85	Inport - Conducted DASO-1 Exercises
16 Aug 85	Inport - Conducted In-Port Training Exercise (IPTE-1)
17 Aug 85	Underway and conducted ASTE-1 (DASO Operations). Returned to port.
18-19 Aug 85	Underway conducted ASTE-2, ASTE-3
20 Aug 85	Inport conducted IPTE-2
21-22 Aug 85	Underway conducted ASTE-4, ASTE-5
23-26 Aug 85	Inport preparations for Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection (NWAII).
24-28 Aug 85	Inport conducted NWAII.
29-30 Aug 85	Inport conducted Guarantee Material Inspection (GMI)
1-3 Sep 85	Acoustic Trials Equipment Load-Out, Port Canaveral, FL
4-20 Sep 85	Underway for Acoustic Trials, Exuma Sound, Bahamas
20-25 Sep 85	Inport Conducted Weapons System Acceptance Testing (WSAT) and preparations for MK-48 Weapons Certification
26-29 Sep 85	Underway to Autec, Enroute Tongue of the Ocean, for MK-48 Weapons Certification
29-30 Sep 85	Underway continued, conducted MK-48 Certification
1-3 Oct 85	Underway continued, commenced CNO project
3-8 Oct 85	Underway continued, commenced transit/ISE to New London, CT
9 Oct 85	Inport New London, conducted Engineering Fast Cruise,
10-16 Oct 85	Underway, conducted engineering evaluation
16-17 Oct 85	Underway continued, conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE)
18-19 Oct 85	Turnover

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
20 Oct 85	Exchange of Command, Blue Crew received, Naval Underwater Sound Center, New London, CT
20 Oct-13 Dec 85	Moved ship to General Dynamics, Electric Boat Division, Groton, CT for Post-Shakedown Availability (PSA)
13-22 Dec 85	Underway, conducting Sea Trials/ISE in Narragansett Bay Operating Area
22-31 Dec 85	Moored at Electric Boat, Groton, CT

Miles underway during 1985: 24,230.1 nm

Number of Dives in 1985: 71

Hours Submerged: 2,135 Hours

COMMAND HISTORY - 1986

1-6 Jan 86	Underway, conducting transit from New London, CT to Autec Range, Andros Island, Bahamas
6-8 Jan 86	Continued underway, conducting ISE/MK-48 Weapons Certification/ MOSS Certification
8-9 Jan 86	Continued underway, conducted transit from Autec Range to Exuma Sound, Bahamas
9-16 Jan 86	Continued underway, conducted PSA Acoustic Trials
16-18 Jan 86	Conducted transit from Exuma Sound, Bahamas to Port Canaveral, Florida
18-21 Jan 86	Inport, Port Canaveral, FL
21-29 Jan 86	Underway, conducting CNO Project 113-2 and transit to Autec Range, Andros Island, Bahamas
29-30 Jan 86	Conducted High Speed Weapons Launch, Autec Weapons Range, Andros Island, Bahamas
30 Jan-2 Feb 86	Conducted transit from Autec Range to Mobile, Alabama
2-9 Feb 86	Inport, Mobile, AL conducting port visit during Mardi Gras and conducted Exchange of Command

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
8 Feb 86	Exchange of Command, GOLD received Principal Speakers: The Honorable William L. Dickinson, U.S. Representative from Alabama The Honorable Jeremiah Denton, U.S. Senator from Alabama Admiral James D. Watkins, Chief of Naval Operations
9-11 Feb 86	Inport, Mobile, AL conducted Fast Cruise
11 Feb 86	Underway, conducted transit to Panama Canal, Panama Canal Zone, Panama
17 Feb 86	Conducted transit of Panama Canal to the Pacific Ocean. Commenced transit to San Diego, CA
20 Feb 86	Crossed the Equator southbound then northbound in accordance with Move Order
22 Feb 86	Chopped to the Pacific Fleet, continued transit
2 Mar 86	Moored San Diego, CA for personnel transfer
2 Mar 86	Underway from San Diego CA, to Bangor WA, conducting transit and Tiger Cruise for Ship's Force dependents
6 Mar 86	Moored DELTA Pier, Naval Submarine Base Bangor, Bremerton, WA
9 Mar 86	Shifted berths to the Explosive Handling Wharf for Strategic Weapons Load-Out