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Subj: COMMAND HISTORY

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Encl: (1) Command History for USS ALABAMA (SSBN 731)(BLUE),
March 1986 - March 1987

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


G. C. BEARD, JR

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COMMAND HISTORY 1986

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
10 Mar 86	Commenced Refit ninety-nine.
28 Mar 86	Completed first strategic missile loadout. Failed Nuclear Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI) and was immediately reinspected.
29 Mar 86	Passed NTPI with grade of satisfactory.
4 Apr 86	Exchange of command, BLUE crew received, NSB, Bangor, WA.
11 Apr 86	Inport Bangor, WA conducting fast cruise.
13 Apr 86	Underway for independent steaming exercises in the local operating areas. Completed Refit ninety-nine.
14-15 Apr 86	Passed first BLUE crew NTPI with grade of satisfactory.
23 Apr 86	Moored at Delta Pier, Bangor, WA and commenced Refit one.
12-13 May 86	Conducted first Dabob Bay post refit sea trials.
16 May 86	Underway from Bangor, WA for Patrol one.
20-21 Jul 86	Conducted Supply Management Inspection (SMI) earning the grade of outstanding and Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) for the grade of above average.
22 Jul 86	Moored at Delta Pier, Bangor, WA, completing Patrol one. Commenced Refit two.
25 Jul 86	Exchange of Command, GOLD crew received.
14 Aug 86	Underway from Bangor, WA for Patrol two. Completed Refit two.
26 Sep 86	Captain G.C. BEARD, JR relieved Captain W.H. TAYLOR as Commanding Officer of the BLUE crew.
20-21 Oct 86	Conducted SMI earning the grade of excellent and an ORSE for a grade of above average.
22 Oct 86	Moored at Delta Pier, Bangor, WA, completing Patrol two. Commenced Refit three.
25 Oct 86	Exchange of Command, BLUE crew received.
13 Nov 86	Completed Refit three and departed Bangor, WA for ISE in the local operating area.
18 Nov 86	Moored Bangor, WA and prepared for special Suspended Acoustic Trials at the DTNSRDC range in Carr Inlet, Tacoma, WA.

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23 Nov 86 Departed Bangor, WA and commenced Acoustic Trials at Carr Inlet.

9 Dec 86 Completed Acoustic Trials and moored Bangor, WA.

13 Dec 86 Departed Bangor, WA for Patrol four.

18 Dec 86 Captain J.H. STEIN relieved Captain M.S. WRIGHT as Commanding Officer of the GOLD crew.

30 Dec 86 Arrived Pearl Harbor, HI for tactical weapons loadout.

COMMAND HISTORY 1987

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
3-6 Jan 87	Conducted first Tactical Readiness Evaluation/Torpedo Certification Proficiency (TRE/TCP) earning a grade of satisfactory.
7 Jan 87	Moored Pearl Harbor, HI for tactical weapons loadout.
8 Jan 87	Performed first successful Trident Service Weapons Test (SWT).
9 Jan 87	Moored Pearl Harbor, HI for tactical weapons loadout and crew liberty.
12 Jan 87	Underway to continue Patrol three.
23-24 Jan 87	Conducted unscheduled ORSE earning grade of average and NEY competition inspection for the award's semifinals.
25 Jan 87	Moored at Bangor, WA, completing Patrol three. Commenced Refit four.
28 Jan 87	Exchange of command, GOLD crew received.
19 Feb 87	Completed Refit four and departed Bangor, WA for Patrol four.
11 Mar 87	Moored Pearl Harbor, HI for tactical weapons loadout.
14 Mar 87	Underway for TRE/TCP in the local Hawaiian operations areas, earning a grade of above average.
18 Mar 87	Moored Pearl Harbor, HI for tactical weapons loadout and crew liberty.
23 Mar 87	Underway to continue Patrol four.
2 Apr 87	BLUE crew nominated as a NEY award finalist.