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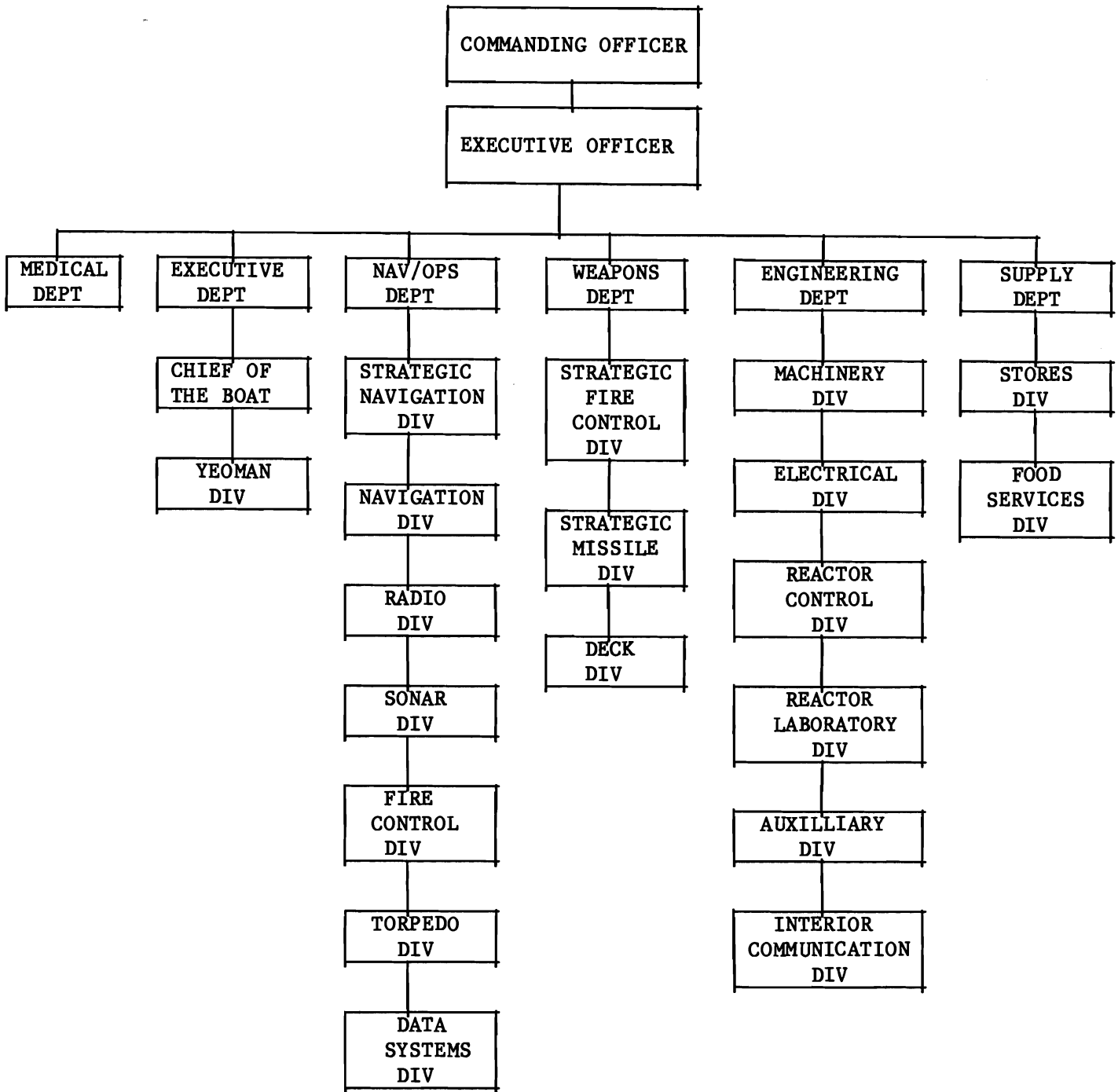
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Encl: (1) Command Organization
(2) Command History Chronology/Narrative
(3) Supporting Documents

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.


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COMMAND ORGANIZATION



HOMEPORT: Bangor, Washington

IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IN COMMAND: COMSUBRON 17

MISSION: To conduct submerged undetected patrols maintaining the ship in the highest state of readiness in order to launch strategic missiles for the purpose of deterrence and/or retaliation.

Command History Chronology/Narrative

01 JAN 87 Underway enroute Pearl Harbor, HI. BLUE Crew.

03-06 JAN 87 Conducted first Tactical Readiness Evaluation/Torpedo Certification Proficiency (TRE/TCP), earning a grade of "satisfactory".

07 JAN 87 Moored Pearl Harbor, HI for tactical weapons load-out.

08 JAN 87 Performed first TRIDENT Mk48 Torpedo Service Weapons Test (SWT) successfully. Details of test can be obtained from COMNAVSEASYSKOM (PMS 402).

09 JAN 87 Moored Pearl Harbor, HI for tactical weapons load-out and crew liberty.

12 JAN 87 Underway to continue Patrol 3.

23-24 JAN 87 Conducted an unscheduled ORSE attaining a grade of "average".

25 JAN 87 Moored at Bangor, WA, completing Patrol 3; Commenced refit 4.

28 JAN 87 Exchange of Command, GOLD Crew relieved.

17 FEB 87 Conducted Dabob Bay Post-Refit sea trials.

19 FEB 87 Completed Refit 4 and departed Bangor, WA for Patrol 4.

11 MAR 87 Moored Pearl Harbor, HI for tactical weapons load-out.

14 MAR 87 Underway for TRE/TCP in the local Hawaiian operations areas. Obtained a perfect score on employment of the Mk48 exercise torpedos (8 shots, 8 hits) and received a grade of "above average" on the TRE.

18 MAR 87 Moored Pearl Harbor, HI for tactical weapons load-out and crew liberty.

23 MAR 87 Underway to continue Patrol 4.

01-02 MAY 87 Conducted Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection earning a grade of "satisfactory". (Adjectival grades: 8 "outstanding", 1 "excellent".)

02 MAY 87 Blue Crew nominated as NEY Award finalist.

02 MAY 87 Moored at Bangor, WA completing Patrol 4; Commenced Refit 5.

06 MAY 87 Exchange of Command, BLUE Crew relieved.

16 MAY 87 Conducted Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection earning a grade of "satisfactory". (Adjectival grades: 9 "outstanding".)

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27 MAY 87 Conducted Dabob Bay Post-Refit sea trials.

29 MAY 87 Departed Bangor, WA; Commenced Patrol 5.

03 AUG 87 BLUE Crew selected as winners of the NEY competition for Small Afloat General Mess.

09 AUG 87 Moored Bangor, WA completing Patrol 5; Commenced Refit 6.

12 AUG 87 Exchange of Command, GOLD Crew relieved.

30 AUG 87 Conducted Dabob Bay Post-Refit sea trials.

02 SEP 87 Departed Bangor, WA; Commenced Patrol 6.

01 OCT 87 Ship awarded Commander, Submarine Squadron 17 Battle Efficiency "E". GOLD crew awarded CSS-17 ASW "A" and the Communications "C". BLUE Crew awarded the Supply "E".

12-14 NOV 87 Conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination earning a grade of "average".

14 NOV 87 Moored Bangor, WA, completing Patrol 6; Commenced Refit 7.

17 NOV 87 Exchange of Command, BLUE Crew relieved.

04-05 DEC 87 Conducted Dabob Bay Post-Refit sea trials.

09 DEC 87 Departed Bangor, WA. Commenced Patrol 7.

14-15 FEB 88 Conducted Supply Management Inspection earning a grade of satisfactory. (Adjectival grade: Stores Div. 3 "outstanding", 1 "excellent"). Conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination earning a grade of above "average".

16 FEB 88 Moored Bangor, WA. Completed Patrol 7; Commenced Refit 8.

19 FEB 88 Exchange of Command, GOLD Crew relieved.

22 FEB 88 MM1(SS) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was selected as the COMSUBGRU 9 Sailor of the Year. Petty Officer [REDACTED], representing the ALABAMA GOLD, was selected from a group of 16 sailors representing TRIDENT submarines homeported in Bangor, WA.