



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS ALABAMA (SSBN 731)
NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE BANGOR
SILVERDALE, WA 98315

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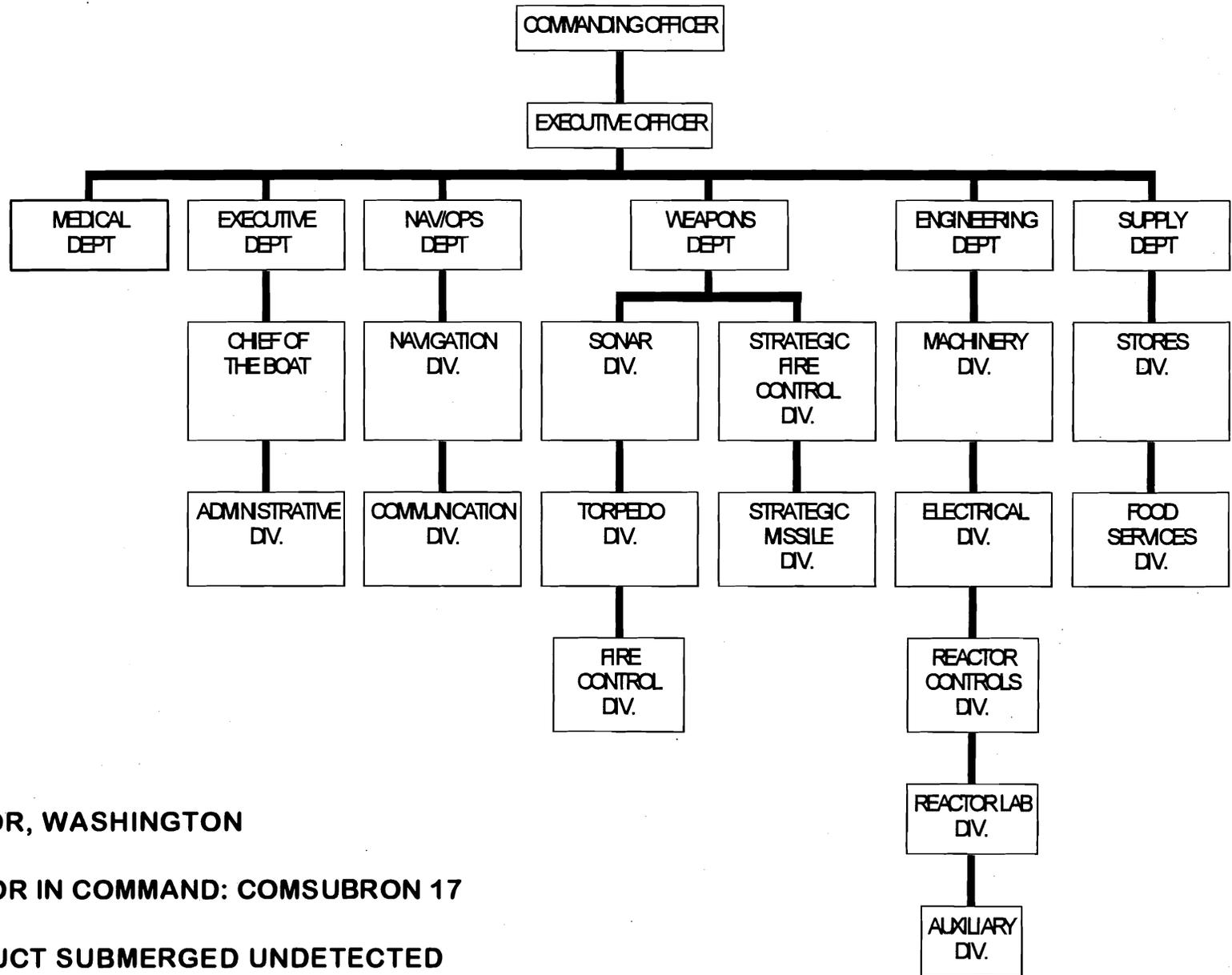
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Encl: (1) Command Organization
(2) Command History
(3) Supporting Documents
(4) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (4) are submitted.


J. D. GUTH

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

1997 COMMAND HISTORY CHRONOLOGY/NARRATIVE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
28-30 JAN 97	Conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) and Logistics Readiness Examination (LRE).
30 JAN 97	Moored Bangor, WA. Completed Patrol 39.
01 FEB 97	Exchange of Command (Gold crew relieving) at Delta Pier on Naval Submarine Base, Bangor. Commenced Refit 40.
03 MAR 97	Conducted Bay Trials.
04-08 MAR 97	Refresher Training/ VIP Cruise. Underway for Patrol 40.
24-26 MAR 97	Conducted Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) and Tactical Weapons Proficiency (TWP).
28 MAR- 02 APR 97	Conducted port visit in Pearl Harbor, HI. Moored Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, HI.
04 APR 97	CAPT James D. Guth relieved CAPT David A. Schneegas as Commanding Officer of USS ALABAMA (Blue) in ceremonies held at Submarine Base Bangor, WA.
13-14 APR 97	Conducted a Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI).
15 APR 97	Moored Bangor, WA. Completed Patrol 40.
16 APR 97	Exchange of Command (Blue crew relieving). Commenced Refit 41.
21 APR 97	Completed Refit 41.
21-25 APR 97	Conducted Refresher Training. Underway for Patrol 41.
14 MAY 97	Moored Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, HI.

19-23 MAY 97 Conducted Tactical Weapons Proficiency (TWP) and Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE).

23-28 MAY 97 Moored Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, HI. Conducted port visit.

28 MAY 97 Conducted VIP Cruise for Hawaiian Area NAVY League.

18-19 JUN 97 Conducted Navy Technical Proficiency Inspection (NTPI).

19 JUN 97 Moored Bangor, WA. Completed Patrol 41.

22 JUN 97 Exchange of Command (Gold crew relieving). Commenced Refit 42.

21 JUL 97 Completed Refit 42. Underway for Bay Trials.

22 JUL 97 Moored Bangor, WA.

23 JUL 97 Underway for Refresher Training and Patrol 42.

18- 20 SEP 97 Conducted an Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE) and a Logistic Readiness Evaluation (LRE).

22 SEP 97 Moored Bangor, WA. Completed Patrol 42.

28 SEP 97 Exchange of command (Blue crew relieving). Commenced Refit 43.

31 OCT 97 Conducted Bay Trials.

01-05 NOV 97 Conducted Refresher Training. Underway for Patrol 43.

10-12 JAN 98 Conducted Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE).

12 JAN 98 Moored at Bangor, WA.

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