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Encl: (1) Command History for 1992

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded in accordance with reference (a).

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ANNUAL COMMAND HISTORY FOR 1992

1. Command Composition and Organization:

- a. Mission: Anti-Submarine, Anti-Surface Unit Warfare, Strike Warfare.
- b. Immediate Senior in Command: Submarine Squadron Two
- c. Commanding Officer: CDR J. C. Kane (01 Jan - 28 May)
CDR M. R. King (29 May - 31 Dec)
- d. Permanent Duty Station: Groton, CT

2. Chronology:

- a. 01 Jan - 09 Feb Moored Naval Submarine Base, New London, Groton, CT (SUBASE, NEW LONDON CT), in port weapons certifications, upkeep.
- b. 10 Feb - 13 Feb Underway local operations in Narragansett Bay operating areas (NBOA's).
- c. 14 Feb - 17 Feb Moored SUBASE, NEW LONDON CT.
- d. 18 Feb - 20 Feb Underway sonar certification.
- e. 21 Feb - 24 Feb Moored SUBASE, NEW LONDON CT.
- f. 25 Feb - 03 Mar Underway weapons certifications.
- g. 04 Mar - 09 Mar Moored port visit Fort Lauderdale, Fl.
- h. 10 Mar - 12 Mar Enroute SUBASE, NEW LONDON CT.
- i. 13 Mar - 12 Apr Moored SUBASE, NEW LONDON CT, primary and secondary relief valve testing, upkeep.
- j. 13 Apr - 27 Apr Underway engineering workup.
- k. 28 Apr Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination, NBOA's.
- l. 29 Apr - 11 May Upkeep SUBASE, NEW LONDON CT.
- m. 12 May - 14 May Independent steaming exercises (ISE) in NBOA's.

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- n. 15 May - 21 Jun Upkeep SUBASE, NEW LONDON CT.
- o. 29 May CDR J. C. Kane turned over command of
USS ALBUQUERQUE to CDR M. R. King.
- p. 22 Jun - 25 Jun ISE in NBOA's.
- q. 26 Jun - 19 Jul Upkeep SUBASE NEW LONDON, CT.
- r. 20 Jul - 28 Jul TPT/COMPTUEX PROA's, return to
SUBASE NEW LONDON CT.
- s. 29 Jul - 30 Jul AGILE PLAYER load out SUBASE
NEW LONDON CT.
- t. 31 Jul - 13 Aug COMPTUEX PROA's.
- u. 14 Aug - 08 Sep Upkeep SUBASE NEW LONDON CT.
- v. 09 Sep - 22 Sep FLEETEX VCOA's and NBOA's.
- w. 23 Sep - 06 Oct Upkeep SUBASE NEW LONDON CT.
- x. 07 Oct Commenced six month deployment to
Mediterranean in support of USS JOHN F.
KENNEDY carrier battle group.
- z. 07 Oct - 22 Oct Transit to Mediterranean.
- aa. 23 Oct - 28 Oct Moored port visit Naples, IT.
- bb. 29 Oct Transit to La Maddalena, IT.
- cc. 30 Oct - 05 Nov Upkeep La Maddalena, IT alongside
USS ORION (AS 18).
- dd. 06 Nov - 08 Nov Transit to Athens, GR.
- ee. 09 Nov - 10 Nov Coordinated port visit Athens, GR with
USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55).
- ff. 11 Nov - 16 Nov Exercise NIRIIS-92, Aegean Sea.
- gg. 17 Nov - 20 Nov Coordinated port visit Thessaloniki, GR
with USS LEYTE GULF (CG 55).
- hh. 21 Nov - 24 Nov Transit to La Maddalena, IT.
- ii. 25 Nov - 31 Nov Upkeep La Maddalena, IT alongside
USS ORION (AS 18).

jj. 01 Dec - 22 Dec Classified operations underway.

kk. 23 Dec - 31 Dec Moored port visit Toulon, FR

3. Narrative:

Various weapons and sonar recertifications were conducted early in the year as a post-Depot Modernization Period requirement. Following the successful completion of these certifications, the ship enjoyed a five day port visit in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Subsequently, ALBUQUERQUE engaged in Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination workups and training. The ship occupied the next three months conducting independent steaming exercises and upkeeps. In late July, the ship participated in COMPTUEX, an exercise designed to develop coordination among various aircraft carrier battle group platforms. COMPTUEX was briefly interrupted by EXERCISE AGILE PLAYER. AGILE PLAYER required ALBUQUERQUE to immediately return to SUBASE NLON, loadout for a full deployment, and get underway all in less than forty-eight hours. ALBUQUERQUE was commended for its exceptional performance in AGILE PLAYER by several high ranking officials, including COMSUBLANT. In September, the ship conducted at sea preparations by participating in FLEETEX with the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV 67) battle group. On 07 October, ALBUQUERQUE commenced a six month Mediterranean Sea deployment in support of the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY carrier battle group. During the deployment, the ship primarily was tasked with various battle group operations. Additionally, ALBUQUERQUE had the opportunity to represent the U.S. Submarine Force in EXERCISE NIRIIIS, a multinational exercise sponsored by the Hellenic Navy. Following this exercise, ALBUQUERQUE became the first U.S. nuclear submarine to enter the port of Thessaloniki, GR where a post-exercise debrief was conducted. To end the year of 1992, the ship spent two weeks visiting Toulon, FR.