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From: Commanding Officer, USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757)  
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Subj: USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757) 1997 COMMAND HISTORY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12F

Encl: (1) Supporting Documents

1. The following command history of USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757) is submitted in accordance with reference (a). The period covered is from January 1997 through December 1997.

2. Command composition and organization:

Mission: To support the objectives of national defense policy in support of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet by all possible means, including locating and destroying submarines and surface ships, conducting reconnaissance, strike warfare, mine placement, and operations with special warfare units.

Organizational Structure: An element of Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE. Main operational departments are Engineering, Navigation/Operations, Combat Systems and Supply.

Commanding Officer: Commander Donald D. Gerry

Homeport: Groton, CT

3. Chronology:

01 - 14 Jan 97	In drydock (USS SHIPPINGPORT (ARDM-4)) for repairs.
15 - 26 Jan 97	In port Submarine Base, New London.
02 Jan 97	U.S. Senator Lieberman toured the ship.

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27 - 31 Jan 97 Underway in Narragansett Bay Operating Areas (NBOAs).

01 - 03 Feb 97 In port Submarine Base, New London.

04 - 19 Feb 97 Underway in NBOAs.

20 - 21 Feb 97 Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination.

22 Feb - 02 Mar 97 In port Submarine Base, New London for Ship's Force Upkeep.

03 Mar - 06 Apr 97 In port Submarine Base, New London. Begin Preoverseas Movement (POM) and FMA Upkeep.

10 - 13 Mar 97 Supply Tech Assist from Squadron Twelve.

24 - 27 Mar 97 Arctic Training for the ship.

07 - 17 Apr 97 Underway in NBOAs and Atlantic Underwater Test Range (AUTEC).

15 - 17 Apr 97 Tactical Readiness Examination.

18 Apr - 12 May 97 In port Submarine Base, New London.

05 - 12 May 97 FMA Upkeep New London.

13 - 16 May 97 Underway in NBOAs.

16 - 18 May 97 In port Submarine Base, New London.

19 - 29 May 97 Underway in NBOAs.

30 May - 14 Jul 97 In port Submarine Base, New London for FMA Upkeep.

25 Jun - 14 Jul 97 In drydock (USS SHIPPINGPORT (ARDM-4)) for Hull Array repairs.

5 - 17 Jul 97 Underway in NBOAs.

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18 - 20 Jul 97 In port Submarine Base, New London.  
21 - 25 Jul 97 POM Workup in the NBOAs.  
26 Jul - 03 Aug 97 In port Submarine Base, New London.  
04 - 08 Aug 97 Underway for POM Certification.  
09 - 18 Aug 97 In port Submarine Base, New London.  
19 Aug - 10 Nov 97 Underway for Atlantic deployment.  
01 - 03 Sep 97 In port Faslane, Scotland for repairs.  
27 - 31 Oct 97 Port visit Zeebrugge, Belgium. Held  
VIP tours and luncheons. Distinguished  
guest included the following:

27 Oct Tour

Commodore De Maisieres (Belgian Navy) [COMOPSNV]

Mr A. Blinken, U.S. Ambassador

28 Oct Luncheon

RADM M. Verhulst (Belgian Navy) [Navy Chief of Staff]

Mr. P. Breyne, Governor of Province of West Flanders

CAPT IR L. Vermaere (Belgian Navy) [COMLOGNAV]

CDR J. P. Hosdian (Belgian Navy) [Commander Zeebrugge Naval  
Base]

COL [REDACTED], U.S. Army, Defense Attaché

VTZ [REDACTED] (Aide to RADM Verhulst)

30 Oct Luncheon

VADM W. Herteleer (Belgian Navy) [Chairman of the General  
Staff]

Mr. M. Sheshes (Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy)

CAPT H. Boden (Belgian Navy) [Military Province Commander]

COL [REDACTED], U.S. Air Force, U.S. Embassy Air Attaché

LT [REDACTED] (Belgian Navy) [Aide to VADM Herteleer]

10 - 30 Nov 97 In port Submarine Base, New London.  
Standdown and Thanksgiving holiday  
period.

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01 - 19 Dec 97                    In port Submarine Base, New London. FMA Upkeep.

04 Dec 97                        Change of Command. Commander Donald D. Gerry relieved CDR R. Michael Klein in a ceremony held at the Shepard of the Sea Chapel.

11 Dec 97                        VADM L. Gunn, USN, Navy Inspector General visit and tour of the ship.

19 - 31 Dec 97                   Christmas holiday standdown period.

4. Narrative. ALEXANDRIA began 1997 drydocked in ARDM-4 SHIPPINGPORT in Groton, CT. Several upkeep periods and a second drydocking were accomplished in 1997, including the Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) upkeep leading to deployment. Upon completion of deployed operations in the Atlantic in November, ALEXANDRIA received the Arctic Service Ribbon. The ship conducted a Change of Command ceremony prior to the Christmas standdown period. During the year, several distinguished guest toured the ALEXANDRIA, including U.S. Senator Lieberman, Ambassador Blinken, and numerous senior dignitaries of the Belgian government and military.

5. Supporting Documentation:

Supporting documentation is included as enclosure (1).

  
D. D. GERRY

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