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From: Commanding Officer, USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757)
To: Director, Naval Historical Center
Subj: USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757) COMMAND HISTORY FOR 2003
Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12H

1. The following command history of USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757) is submitted in accordance with reference (a). The period covered is from January through December 2003.

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(s): CDR David M. Hendricks (1 Jan - 2 Jun 03)
CDR Thomas J. Kearney (Relieved 2 Jun 03)

Homeport: Groton, CT

3. Chronology:

01 Jan - 05 Jan	Holiday Stand Down.
09 Jan - 13 Jan	Bravo Sea Trials.
14 Jan - 02 Feb	Stand Down.
06 Feb - 28 Feb	Underway: Tactical Development Exercise (TACDEVEX), Pre Overseas Movement (POM) Services, Independent Steaming Exercises (ISE).
03 Mar - 18 May	BYG-1 Fire Control System and Ring Laser Gyro Navigation (RLGN) Install.
19 May - 30 May	Underway: Phase III Crew Certification.
02 Jun	Change of Command

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05 Jun - 13 Jun	Underway: Transit to Faslane, Scotland.
13 Jun - 16 Jun	Port visit in Faslane, Scotland.
16 Jun - 27 Jun	Underway: VASA II, Joint Maritime Course (JMC) 032.
27 Jun - 01 Jul	Port visit in Faslane, Scotland, JMC 032 Debrief.
01 Jul - 28 Jul	Underway: TB-29 Sonar Towed Array Testing, Arctic Operations, Engineering Readiness Review (ERR).
01 Aug - 15 Aug	Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR).
18 Aug - 25 Aug	Sonar Advanced Processor Build (APB) 03 TEMPALT Install, Testing and Evaluation.
30 Aug - 28 Sep	Underway: Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination (ORSE: 26 Sept - 28 Sept).
29 Sep - 01 Oct	Stand Down.
06 Oct - 30 Oct	Pre-Overseas Movement I (POM) Upkeep.
03 Nov - 07 Nov	Underway: Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) work-up.
10 Nov - 26 Nov	Underway: TRE (19 Nov - 22 Nov).
27 Nov - 30 Nov	Holiday Stand Down.
01 Dec - 12 Dec	Pre-Deployment Training (PDT).
09 Dec - 12 Dec	Supply Management Inspection (SMI).
15 Dec - 19 Dec	Underway: Local Operations.
19 Dec - 31 Dec	Christmas Stand Down

4. Narrative. ALEXANDRIA began 2003 with an underway to conduct Bravo Sea Trials. Upon returning from the underway the ship went into stand down. After stand down the ship prepared for a three week underway and participated in a Tactical Development Exercise (TACDEVEX), assisted with the Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) for the USS MEMPHIS, and concluded with Independent Steaming Exercises

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(ISE) where the ship conducted several drills for training and qualifications.

From the period of 1 March to 9 May the ship underwent a major upkeep where it received a new fire control system, BYG-1, as well as Ring Laser Gyro Navigation (RLGN) System. Throughout this period crew training was conducted on the capabilities and operation of the new installations. The ship performed its Phase III Crew Certification in the month of May followed by CDR Thomas J. Kearney relieving CDR David M. Hendricks in a Change of Command ceremony in June. Three days after the Change of Command ceremony the ship began the transit to Faslane, Scotland where it participated in both a VASA II and Joint Maritime Course followed by a five-day port visit in Faslane, Scotland.

The ship performed Arctic Operations in the month of July and concluded the underway with an Engineering Readiness Review (ERR) conducted by Submarine Development Squadron Twelve in preparations for a September Operational Reactor Safeguard Examination (ORSE). The month of August was devoted mainly to the Combat Systems Readiness Review (CSRR) where the ship's Combat Systems Department underwent a comprehensive groom. Leaving port in late August, the ship prepared for ORSE, which was conducted from 26 to 28 September.

October was the ship's POM I upkeep where the ship addressed several maintenance issues in preparations for a summer 2004 deployment. During the first week of November, a practice Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) was conducted by Submarine Development Squadron TWELVE in preparations for the TRE which was held from 19 to 22 November. Upon return to port the ship went into standdown for the Thanksgiving holiday.

During the first twelve days of December Pre Deployment Training was held by Submarine School to train and evaluate the ship's readiness for deployment. Also, a Supply Management Inspection was conducted from 9 to 12 December. The ship went underway for five days in December to conduct dedicated operational training exercises followed by Holiday stand down.


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