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Subj: USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760) COMMAND HISTORY

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Encl: (1) USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760) Command History for January to December 1997

(2) 3 1/2" floppy-disk with MS Word formatted Command History

1. Enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted in accordance with reference (a).


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USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760) COMMAND HISTORY

I. Command Composition and Organization.

- A. Mission: To conduct prompt, sustained, combat operations at sea.
- B. ISIC: Commander, Submarine Squadron Four
- C. Commanding Officer: CDR Daniel Farson
- D. Homeport: Groton, CT.

USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760) COMMAND HISTORY

II. Chronology.

01 JAN 1997- Christmas and New Year's Stand-Down.
05 JAN 1997

06 JAN 1997- Inport Groton, CT.
12 JAN 1997

13 JAN 1997- Conducted independent submarine operations.
17 JAN 1997

18 JAN 1997- Inport Groton, CT.
23 JAN 1997

24 JAN 1997- Conducted independent submarine operations.
03 FEB 1997

04 FEB 1997- Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam (ORSE).
05 FEB 1997

06 FEB 1997- Moored Groton, CT. In-Port Availability.
18 MAR 1997

19 MAR 1997- Conducted independent submarine operations.
28 MAR 1997

29 MAR 1997- Moored Groton, CT.
30 MAR 1997

31 MAR 1997- Conducted independent submarine operations.
03 APR 1997 Captain Larimer (COMSUBRONTWO) aboard.

04 APR 1997- Commenced Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) Upkeep.
08 MAY 1997

09 MAY 1997- Conducted independent submarine operations to
29 MAY 1997 prepare for upcoming Operational Reactor
Safeguards Exam (ORSE), and participated in
COMPTUEX PHASE I in preparation for Mediterranean
Battlegroup Deployment including a torpedo
proficiency firing.

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30 MAY 1997- Port Visit to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.
03 JUN 1997

04 JUN 1997- Underway to prepare for upcoming Operational
16 JUN 1997 Reactor Safeguards Exam (ORSE), and participated
in COMPTUEX PHASE I and PHASE II in preparation
for Mediterranean Battlegroup Deployment.

17 JUN 1997- Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam (ORSE).
18 JUN 1997

18 JUN 1997- Port Visit to King's Bay, GA.
19 JUN 1997

20 JUN 1997- Participated in COMPTUEX PHASE II while
25 JUN 1997 preparing for Tactical Readiness Evaluation.

26 JUN 1997- Returned to Groton, CT. Continued Pre-Overseas
Movement (POM) Upkeep.

27 JUN 1997- Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) UPKEEP.
03 AUG 1997

01 JUL 1997- COMSUBRON FOUR Reactivation - ANNAPOLIS host
platform. Shifted ISIC to SUBRONFOUR.

04 AUG 1997- Conducted independent submarine operations.
11 AUG 1997

12 AUG 1997- Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE).
14 AUG 1997

15 AUG 1997- FLEETEX 97-3 (GWBATGRU).
05 SEP 1997

06 SEP 1997- Inport Groton, CT.
02 OCT 1997

03 OCT 1997- Underway for Mediterranean deployment with
GWBATGRU.

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03 OCT 1997- Trans-Atlantic Crossing with GWBATGRU.
16 OCT 1997

16 OCT 1997- Conducted BSP at Gibraltar to embark CSG8
personnel.

17 OCT 1997- Transit to La Maddalena, Italy.

18 OCT 1997- Moored alongside USS Simon Lake (AS-33) at La
21 OCT 1997 Maddalena, Italy.

22 OCT 1997- Underway to participate in Exercise Bright Star.
31 OCT 1997

01 NOV 1997- Moored in Souda Bay, Crete.
06 NOV 1997

07 NOV 1997- Conducted training and exercises in the
15 NOV 1997 Mediterranean.

16 NOV 1997- Transited the Suez Canal to the Red Sea.

17 NOV 1997- Transited to and conducted operations in the
03 DEC 1997 Persian Gulf operating area. CBS News Crew
onboard 28-30 November.

04 DEC 1997- Moored in Bahrain.
06 DEC 1997

07 DEC 1997- Conducted operations in the Arabian Gulf operating
22 DEC 1997 area. ABC news crew onboard 07-09 December.

23 DEC 1997- Moored in Bahrain.
29 DEC 1997

30 DEC 1997- Conducted operations in the Arabian Gulf operating
31 DEC 1997 area.

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III. Narrative.

In the first quarter of 1997, ANNAPOLIS was underway in support of other submarine exercises as well as independent training exercises. The Weapons and Supply Departments completed the first ever improved Combat Systems Readiness Review. The Supply department completed a Logistics Readiness Evaluation, and the hardware installation of the new ATIS/Ported SNAP system was completed, and the Engineering department completed an Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam (ORSE) in February.

In preparation for training with the George Washington Battle Group, Rear Admiral Mullen (Commander, GWBATGRU) visited ANNAPOLIS in January, 1997.

For the second quarter of 1997, ANNAPOLIS was preparing for the fall deployment to the Mediterranean. Time in-port was dedicated to Pre-Overseas Movement (POM) upkeeps, and at-sea periods were used to prepare for an Operational Reactor Safeguards Exam (ORSE) completed in June, and an upcoming Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE).

ANNAPOLIS participated with the George Washington battlegroup in COMPTUEX PHASE I and PHASE II, and paid a port visit to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico and to Kings Bay, Georgia in May and June of 1997.

ANNAPOLIS completed an upkeep in July of 1997 and was underway for August to complete a Tactical Readiness Evaluation (TRE) and participate in FLEETEX 97-3.

ANNAPOLIS conducted its last POM upkeep during the month of September, and deployed with the George Washington battlegroup on October 3, 1997 to the Mediterranean Sea. Once in the Mediterranean, ANNAPOLIS conducted extensive training and drills, and participated in battlegroup exercises such as Bright Star 97.

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In November of 1997, in order to support the current political situation in the Arabian Gulf area, ANNAPOLIS transited the Suez Canal enroute to the Arabian Gulf. ANNAPOLIS played a key role as a Tomahawk strike platform as well as providing a submarine presence in the gulf. ANNAPOLIS also served as a public affairs platform by hosting news crews from both ABC and CBS broadcasting networks, and during the month of December conducted two port visits to Bahrain.