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From: Commanding Officer, ASHEVILLE (SSN 758) Precommissioning Unit
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH), Washington Navy Yard,
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Subj: FORWARDING OF COMMAND HISTORY

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Encl: (1) CO, ASHEVILLE (SSN 758) PRECOMUNIT ltr 9030 Ser SSN758/168-90
of 10 Apr 90
(2) CO, ASHEVILLE (SSN 758) PRECOMUNIT ltr 9030 Ser SSN758/283-90
of 23 Jul 90
(3) CO, ASHEVILLE (SSN 758) PRECOMUNIT ltr 9030 Ser SSN758/406-90
of 9 Oct 90
(4) CO, ASHEVILLE (SSN 758) PRECOMUNIT ltr 9030 Ser SSN758/003-91
of 3 Jan 91

1. The Command History for the period 1 March 1990 to 28 February 1991 is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

2. Command composition and organization.

a. ASHEVILLE (SSN 758) Precommissioning Unit was established on 17 July 1989. Its mission is to support the construction and testing of this improved 688 Class Fast Attack Submarine and train/prepare the crew to take her to sea. When the ship is commissioned, the Precommissioning Unit will become the initial crew.

b. ASHEVILLE is under construction at Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, Virginia. ASHEVILLE is administratively responsible to Commander, Submarine Squadron 8 in Norfolk, Virginia; Commander, Submarine Group 6 in Charleston, South Carolina; and Commander Submarine Force, U. S. Atlantic Fleet.

c. Commander Patrick J. Casey is the Commanding Officer, ASHEVILLE (SSN 758) Precommissioning Unit and the Prospective Commanding Officer, USS ASHEVILLE (SSN 758).

3. Chronology.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
2 March 1990	The ship was drydocked in the Newport News Shipbuilding Drydock Number 10 for initial reactor core load.
3 March 1990	The reactor core was loaded aboard the ship.
4 March 1990	The ship left the drydock and was moved to Newport News Shipbuilding Outfitting Pier Number 6.

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12 April 1990 to 27 September 1990	The ship conducted the Post Core Installation Testing Program to include reactor vessel fill, Cold and Hot Post-Core Testing and Steam Plant Dock Trials.
29 September 1990	The ship was moved to Newport News Shipbuilding Drydock Number 4 for its Pre-criticality Inspection. Other major work included closeout of all Main Ballast Tanks.
2 November 1990	The ship left the drydock and was returned to Newport News Shipbuilding Outfitting Pier Number 6.
4 February 1991	Initial Criticality, Physics Testing and Power Range Testing commenced.

4. Narrative.

a. ASHEVILLE (SSN 758) Precommissioning Unit has grown to 13 Officers and 133 Enlisted Personnel. Major objectives of the command during the construction program have been:

(1) Safe and efficient completion of the New Construction Test Schedule.

(2) Continuing training and qualification to prepare the crew for Initial Sea Trials.

(3) Construction of the ship has continued to proceed smoothly with only minor delays. A detailed description of the ship's material progress is listed in enclosures (1) through (4).



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